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ABBREVIATION

CHD	–	Coronary Heart Disease
VLDL	–	Very Low Density Lipoprotein
LDL	–	Low Density Lipoprotein
HDL	–	High Density Lipoprotein
ICAM1	–	Intercellular Cell Adhesion Molecule 1
VCAM1	–	Vascular Cell Adhesion Molecule 1
PeCAM1	–	Pericellular Cell Adhesion Molecule1
IL1	–	Interleukin 1
TNF- α	–	Tumour Necrosis Factor- α
MMP-2	–	MatrixMetalloProteinase-2
ECM	–	Extra Cellular Matrix
ROS	–	Reactive Oxygen Species
eNOS	–	Endothelial Nitric Oxide Synthase
TIMP	–	Tissue Inhibitor MetalloProteinase
MT-MMP	–	MembraneTy pe MetalloProteinase

SMK	–	Smoking
ALC	–	Alcoholism
BMI	–	Body Mass Index
DM	–	Diabetes Mellitus
HYT	–	HyperTension
MI	-	Myocardial Infarction
WT	–	Weight
HT	–	Height
CHOL	–	Cholesterol
TGL	–	Triglyceride
EDTA	–	Ethylene Diamine Tetra Acetic Acid
DNA	–	Deoxyribonucleic acid
ELISA	-	Enzyme Linked Immunosorbent Asssy
HRP	-	Horse Radish Peroxidase
TMB	-	Tetra Methyl Benidine

Introduction

INTRODUCTION

In many developing countries Myocardial infarction has becoming a major problem in public health ^{1,2}. MI is a multifactorial disease caused by genetic and environmental factors. The major cause of death in the world is Myocardial infarction ³. The high plasma lipid levels, high plasma glucose levels, high blood pressure, obesity, smoking, and family history of cardiac disease are the most important risk factors for MI. MI is mainly due to atherosclerosis of the coronary arteries. The structural changes, which permits the accumulation of cells, extracellular matrix and lipids in the intima layer of the diseased artery and allows the growth of atherosclerotic plaque. The fibrous cap lining atheromatous plaque gets ruptured, gives rise to thrombosis, and its complications⁴.

Pathophysiology of MI involves a wide variety of proteins, including the matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs). Atheromatous plaque formation is facilitated by the action of MMPs. Major extra cellular components of the basal lamina around blood vessels such as type IV collagen, laminin, and fibronectin are degraded by MMP-2. MMPs also weakens the arterial wall, resulting destabilizing of atheromatous plaque and dissolution of fibrous cap leading to MI⁵.

Matrix metalloproteinases are zinc dependent endopeptidases that degrade components of the extracellular matrix (ECM). 72KDa type

IV collagenase also known as MMP-2, is an ubiquitous metalloproteinase involved in various functions such as vascular remodeling, atheromatous plaque rupture, and degrading matrix proteins. MMP-2, also known as gelatinase A . In human, it is encoded by the MMP-2 gene⁶.

MMP-2 is produced as zymogen, after the production pro MMP-2 is thought to be bound to its specific inhibitor, called as tissue inhibitor of matrix metalloproteinases-2 . There are several pathways for activation of the proenzyme, but mainly the most important pathway is activation by membrane type metalloproteinases-1 (MT1-MMP)⁷. MT1-MMP binds to TIMP-2, this complexed structure comes near to the active site of the MT-MMP enzyme. This results to removal of two specific pro peptides from pro MMP-2 and the production of an active 72 KDa MMP-2 enzyme⁸.

The gene for human MMP-2 contains 27,862 basepair genomic DNA and is composed of 13 exons. It has been localized on chromosome 16q21⁹. Several common restriction fragment length polymorphisms (RFLPs) have been reported in the MMP-2 gene locus. MMP-2 gene – 1306C>T promoter region is linked with development of MI¹⁰. This base transition is situated in CCACC box of the sp1 binding site.

Increased MMP-2 levels have been found in the plasma of patients with MI¹¹. Elevated MMP-2 has also been found in atherosclerotic plaques of coronary arteries¹².

In view of this we have evaluated the distribution of MMP-2 promoter gene polymorphism by PCR- RFLP and the concerned phenotype (MMP-2) was analyzed by using ELISA.

Review of Literature

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Coronary heart disease has been known as impairment of function of heart due to insufficient blood supply to the heart. Atherosclerosis is a multifactorial disease. The risk of coronary artery disease is associated with an individual's genetic and environmental factors.¹³. A large number of studies such as the Framingham heart study¹⁴, the Helsinki Heart study, have been conducted to examine the role of risk factors for coronary artery disease. The risk factors identified by these epidemiological studies include a group of modifiable risk factors like blood lipid profile abnormalities, hypertension, physical inactivity, obesity, cigarette smoking, alcoholism, diabetes mellitus, hyper homocysteinemia. Though overwhelming evidence particularly that given by "Response to retention hypothesis" indicates that the whole sequence of events is found to be initiated by the retention of modified Low Density Lipoprotein^{15,16}, it was recognized that lifestyle changes and the use of new pharmacologic approaches to lesser plasma cholesterol^{17,18}, Cardiac disease continues to be the main cause of death. The background trigger for atherosclerosis like structural changes of blood vessels is hidden, which has to be emphasized.

ATHEROSCLEROSIS

Atherosclerosis is a disease of arterial blood vessels. It is mainly due to accumulation of inflammatory cells such as macrophages, white blood cells promoted by small low density lipoproteins without adequate removal of fats and cholesterol from the macrophages by functional high density lipoproteins. It is commonly referred to as a “hardening” of the arteries leads to formation of numerous plaques within the arteries.

The lesions of atherosclerosis occurs mostly within the intimal layer of the artery wall. They include¹⁹⁻²⁰,

- Fatty streak
- Fibrous plaque
- Complicated lesions
 - Plaque disruption
 - Athero thrombosis

FATTY STREAK

The process of atherogenesis begins in childhood with the development of fat, lipid rich lesions called fatty streaks. They are also found to contain macrophages, T lymphocytes, smooth muscle cells – each of these cells are found to be loaded with cholesterol. The lesions are yellowish and sessile in appearance and they cause little

obstruction of the affected artery. Lipid deposition does not lead to the complex lesions of atherosclerosis but progression of disease is associated with that a number of factors resulting the formation of fibrous plaque.

FIBROUS PLAQUE

It is otherwise called as fibromusculoelastic consists of proliferated smooth muscle cells, connective tissue with little lipid and that the deep core of lipid and cell debris results from insufficient blood supply, inflammation, and cell necrosis. A fully blown fibrous plaque consists of many smooth muscle cells lined by a dense connective tissue matrix often intermixed with numerous macrophages.

ADVANCED LESIONS – PLAQUE DISRUPTION AND ATHEROTHROMBOSIS

The typical advanced, complicated lesion contains a large necrotic core with a fibrous core, loaded with macrophages. The macrophages can form numerous proteolytic enzymes, including metalloproteinases – these enzymes cause the removal of fibrous cap – by plaque disruption and thinning of fibrous cap. The plaque disruption allow the lesion to get involved in thrombotic episodes that can lead to occlusive disease²¹.

Thus, events atherosclerosis include, causes

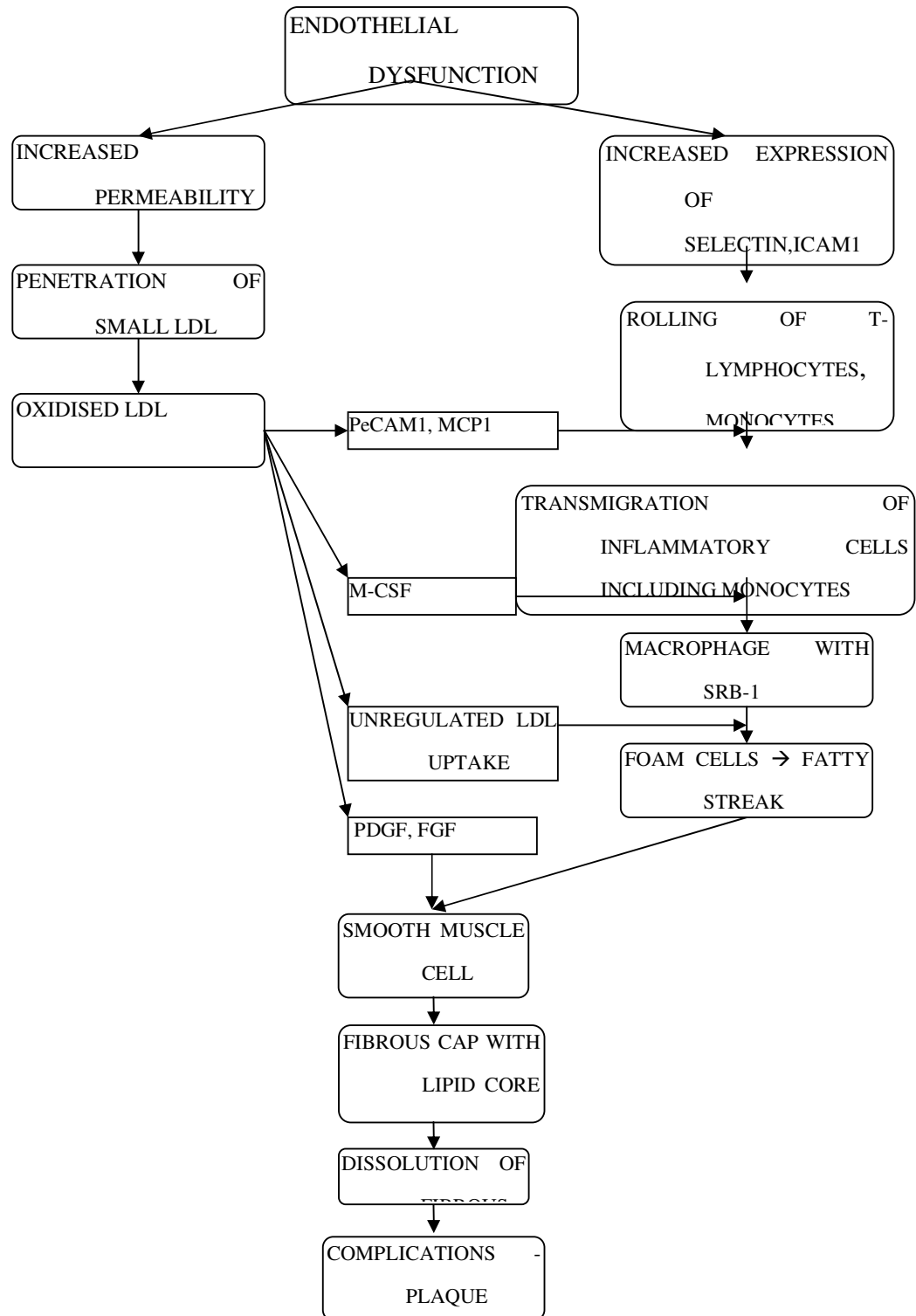
1. First, the rupture of atheromatous plaques, lead to stenosis of the artery therefore, an inadequate blood supply to the organ.
2. Second, formation of aneurysm occurs if the compensating artery enlargement process is extreme.

The rupture of the plaque exposes its thrombogenic contents into the lumen that will rapidly slow the blood flow, leading to death of the tissues fed within 5 minutes. This catastrophic event is known as infarction.

The clinical scenario of this catastrophic event depends on which artery is affected by this event.

1. Thrombosis of a coronary artery, causing myocardial infarction is called as Coronary artery disease.
2. Second most common is that caused due to thrombosis of carotid artery branches and inadequate blood supply to brain – which presents itself as stroke or transient ischemic attack.
3. Peripheral artery disease caused by insufficient blood supply to the legs, typically due to a combination of both obstructions and aneurysm.
4. Arteries of the intestines, kidneys, legs, are also affected.

Fig 1. PATHOGENESIS OF ATHEROSCLEROSIS



HYPOTHESIS OF ATHEROGENESIS

It has been recognized in human for thousands of years. Long has discussed the development of clinic-pathologic correlations that allowed the formulation of a hypothesis relating the grading of atherosclerosis to the frequency of myocardial infarction and stroke²². Virchow proposed the idea that degenerative lesion of atherosclerosis some form of injury to the arterial wall related with the inflammatory responses.²³ This idea was later customized by Antischkow²⁴ and the part of platelets and thrombus formation in atherosclerosis is included by Duguid²⁵. The endothelial lining²⁶, of the artery is a key element in the maintenance of normal arterial function is distinguished by John French.

RESPONSE TO INJURY HYPOTHESIS

Endothelial cells provide thromboresistance surface that promotes the continuous flow of blood throughout the vascular tree^{27,28,29,30,31}. Smooth muscle cell migration and proliferation is mediated by various cytokines. Small plasma lipoproteins are transported by endothelial cells into the arterial all³². The endothelium exhibits the thromboresistant characters by production of three factors. They are the cell surface glycoproteins and proteoglycans that form the surface coat of the endothelial cells, prostacyclin³⁰, and the most potent agent, nitric oxide³¹. Prostacyclin and NO are potent vasodilatory agents and

potent inhibitors of platelet aggregation. The hypothesis posits that some form of “injury” to the endothelium causes alteration in structure and function of the endothelial cells. So that the lipoproteins and inflammatory cells are more easily penetrate into the artery wall.

The alteration of endothelium is associated with overexpression of E, L, P selectin that appear to play a role in inducing rolling and attachment of monocytes and T lymphocytes to endothelium. This rolling is facilitated by the upregulation of ICAM 1 and VCAM 1 also. Another molecule formed by endothelium, PeCAM 1 has been shown to participate in interendothelial migration by the adherent leukocyte into the subendothelial space or intima of the artery. Thus, the earliest phase of the chronic, inflammatory response that has become recognized to be the hallmark of atherogenesis is represented by leukocyte adhesion due to the formation of these attachment and adherence molecules on the surfaces of the endothelium and the leukocytes³²⁻³⁶.

A second event accompanying endothelial dysfunction is transmigration of lipoproteins particularly of small LDL particles, this transmigration places LDL in the subendothelial space which is virtually devoid of any antioxidant properties of the circulation, hence it gets oxidized. Oxidized LDL can act as chemotactic reagent. The monocyte

gets activated to macrophages, which express SR-B1 causing unregulated uptake of LDL particles, forming foam cells. Such a lesion with foam cells, activated inflammatory cells is called as fatty streak.

Oxidised LDL, foam cells, the activated macrophages, T-cells, produce various cytokines IL-1, TNF- α , Under the influence of these cytokines, endothelium, macrophages and T cells produce PDGF, FGF⁵⁸. PDGF facilitates the movement and proliferation of smooth muscle cell. FGF stimulates the vascular smooth muscle cell to produce collagen and the various components of extracellular matrix together they form the fibrous cap. TNF- α induces apoptosis of foam cells causing exocytosis of its lipid content, which forms the lipid core. Such a lesion with lipid core, surrounded by activated T-cells, macrophages, platelets, lined by a fibrous cap is called as a stable atherosclerotic plaque. Thus oxidized LDL is not only toxic to the endothelium and the surrounding cells in the intima but also chemotactic for monocytes and can activate monocyte derived macrophages to produce growth factors and cytokines. Hence it may be the principal culprit in advancing the lesions of atherosclerosis.

All these lesions would be reversible and, reversed back to normal if the endothelial injury is self –limited. But when it is constant over period of many years, the lesion continues to progress, and becoming more complex. Because, the atherosclerotic plaque does not only have

smooth muscle cells but also macrophages, which are capable of producing metalloproteinases and $\text{TNF}\alpha$, both of which cause necrosis and digestion of the fibrous cap, this loss of fibrous cap is responsible for the complications of atherosclerosis, namely plaque rupture. This plaque rupture exposes the subendothelial extracellular matrix to the factors of coagulation in the circulation initiating the intrinsic pathway of coagulation – this is responsible for atherothrombosis.

FACTORS INFLUENCING ATHEROGENESIS

UNMODIFIABLE RISK FACTORS

1. Age
2. Male sex
3. Socioeconomic status

MODIFIABLE RISK FACTORS

1. Cigarette smoking
2. Alcoholism
3. Insulin resistance & hyperglycemia
4. Hypertension
5. Obesity
6. Oxidative stress
7. Abnormal lipid profile

- a. High total and LDL cholesterol
 - b. Low HDL cholesterol
 - c. High triglycerides
 - d. Lipoprotein(a)
8. Physical inactivity

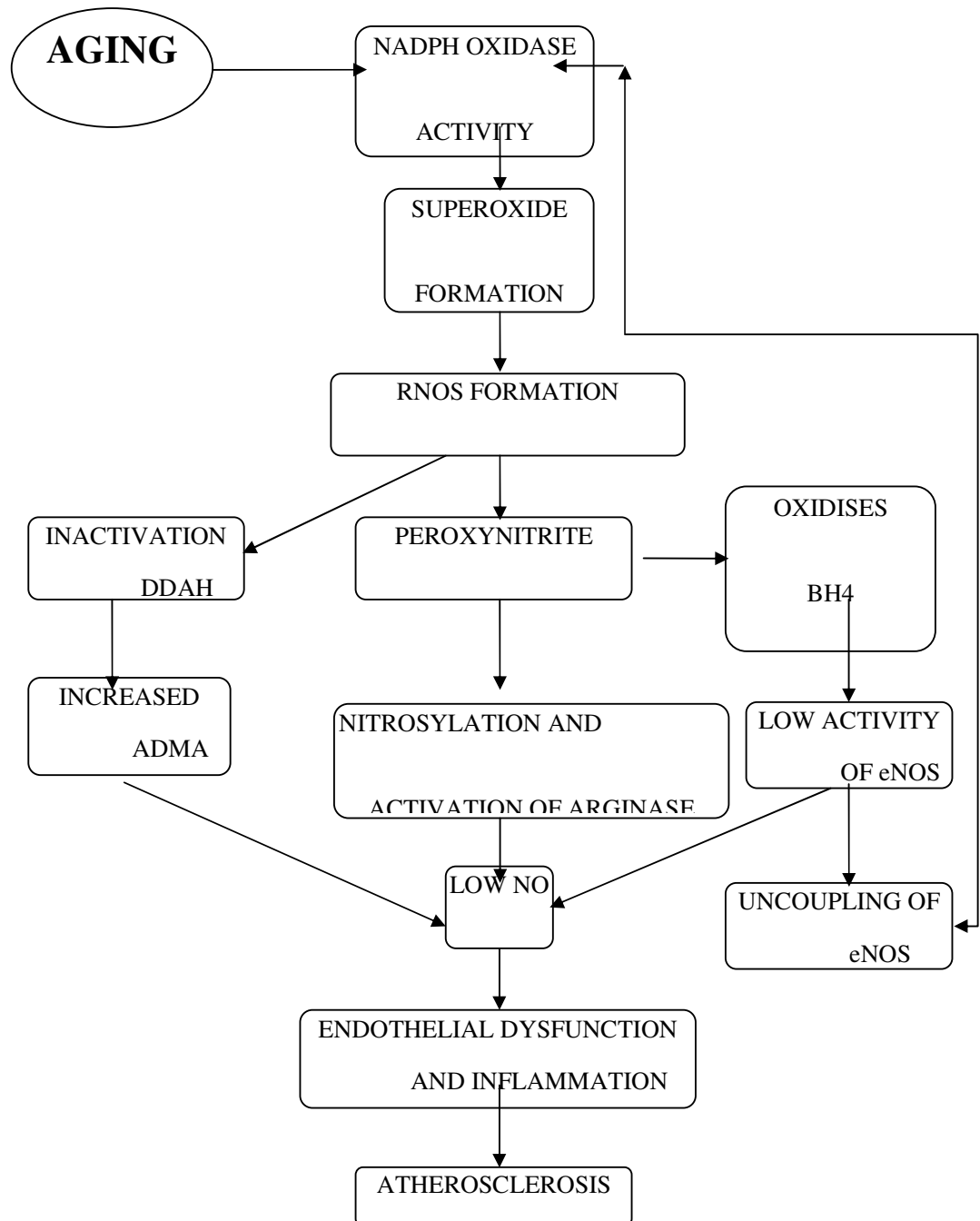
Age

In many epidemiologic surveys, age remains one of the strongest predictors of disease. The majority of patients with atherosclerotic coronary heart disease are more than 65 years old. Older patients have higher mortality and more complications. Age related changes in the cardio vascular system and other organs make it reasonable to assume that aging per se constitutes a major reason for the increased morbidity and mortality in older persons. These age related changes include diastolic dysfunction, degenerative changes in the conduction system, reduced responses to catecholamine and sympathetic stimuli.

Male sex

The relationship of gender to the development and prognosis of atherosclerotic coronary heart disease is complicated³⁷. The powerful protective effect of the premenopausal state in preventing and postponing the condition is fully appreciated; women tend to develop atherosclerotic coronary heart disease approximately 10 years later than men. In women

Fig 2 ROLE OF AGING IN ATHEROSCLEROSIS



under the age of 60 epicardial coronary atherosclerosis is uncommon³⁸. Complications are fewer in women after the onset of angina, but they may be more frequent after myocardial infarction^{39,40}. However there are multiple reports indicating a gender bias in reference to the use of diagnostic and therapeutic procedures, but interpretation is complicated by the possibility of overuse and overtreatment in low risk men⁴¹⁻⁴⁵. The point has been made clearly. Atherosclerotic coronary heart disease manifest as angina, infarct, and sudden death is as common in women after age 60 as it is in men.

This gender dependent differential risk is attributed to the protective function exerted by estrogens. Recently, a study of estrogens and their effect on smooth muscle cells and the other elements of atherogenesis showed that estrogens have an antiproliferative effect on smooth muscle cells and can be protective to the endothelium in relation to stimulation by growth factors, cytokines and other agents. Estrogen is not only antiproliferative for smooth muscle but also has been shown to be capable of modulating acetylcholine mediated dilation of atherosclerotic coronary arteries⁴⁶.

Family history of Early – Onset CHD

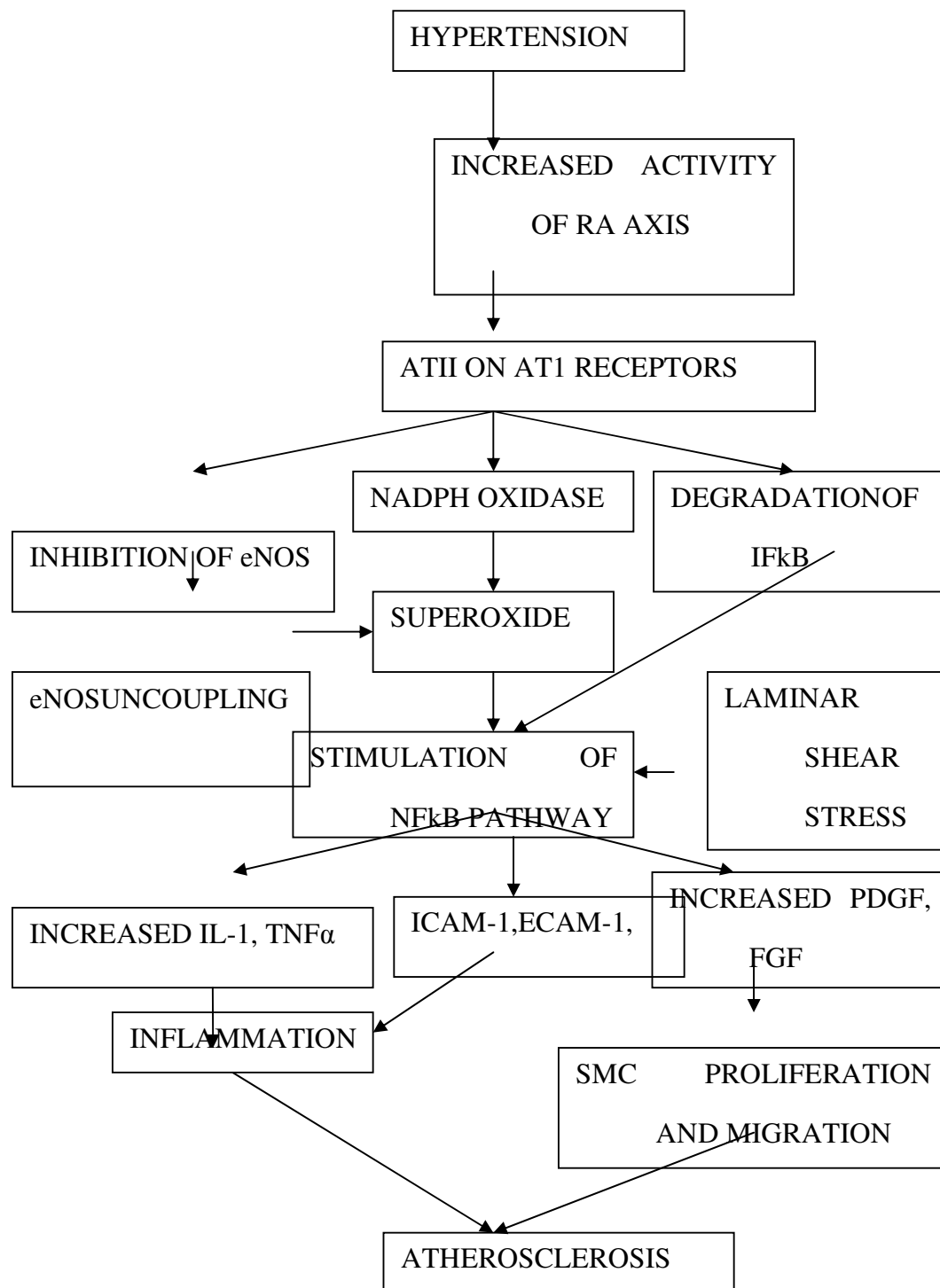
Over 35 case-control and prospective studies have consistently identified an association between CHD and a history of first degree relatives with early onset CHD⁴⁷. This risk generally persists even

after adjustment for other risk factors. The family history most predictive of coronary disease is that of a first degree relative developing CHD at an early age. Positive family history⁷⁰ denotes when male with disease at 55yrs or less and female with onset at 65yrs or less. The larger the number of relatives with early onset of CHD or the younger the age of CHD onset in the relative, the stronger the predictive value^{49,50}.

Socioeconomic status

A consistent relationship has been devised between lower socioeconomic status and atherosclerosis. There has been the perception that conventional risk factors cluster in lower socioeconomic groups and that this phenomenon can explain the increased incidence of atherosclerotic coronary heart disease⁵¹. But, only 50% of atherosclerotic coronary heart disease can be explained by known risk factors. The socioeconomic status proved to be independent predictors in patients with established atherosclerotic coronary heart disease⁵². Although no simple relationship between socioeconomic status, risk for cardiovascular disease and long term outcome for manifest atherosclerotic coronary heart disease can be devised, the evident is consistent and persuasive that lower socioeconomic status is an independent and significant determinant of long-term outcome.

Fig 3. EFFECT OF HYPERTENSION ON ATHEROSCLEROSIS



Hypertension

Epidemiological studies have established found that both systolic and diastolic bloodpressure have a positive and graded correlation to CHD^{53,54,55}. The risk imposed by hypertension is increased substantially when other risk factors are present. Hypertension clusters insulin resistance, hyperinsulinemia, glucose intolerance, dyslipidemia, left ventricular hypertrophy and obesity and occurs in isolation in fewer than 20% of individuals⁵⁶.

The potential mechanisms by which hypertension may cause impaired endothelial function include increased endothelial permeability to lipoproteins, increased adherence of leukocytes, increased oxidative stress, and hemodynamic stress that may trigger acute plaque rupture, all these mediated by initiation of NF-kB pathway and inactivation of eNOS enzyme.

Hyperglycemia

Hyperglycemia is an independent risk factor for CHD, increasing the risk by two to three times for men and three to five times for women⁵⁷. CHD is the leading cause of death in diabetic patients and approximately 25% of MI survivals have diabetes⁵⁸. The CHD risk for a premenopausal diabetic woman is similar to the risk of a nondiabetic man,hence diabetes abolishes the protective effect of being a

premenopausal female⁵⁹. Diabetic women have twice the risk of recurrent MI compared with diabetic men⁶⁰. The greater risk of CHD in diabetic women compared to diabetic men may be explained in part by the greater adverse effect of diabetes on lipoproteins in women⁶¹.

Potential mechanisms by which hyperglycemia may cause atherosclerosis include impaired endothelial function, glycation of LDL, enhanced lipoprotein oxidation, increased fibrinogen, increased platelet aggregation, impaired fibrinolysis, increased small LDL. All these are attributed to the increased flux of glucose into glycolysis (glucose uptake and hexokinase activity in endothelium is insulin independent), as a result there is an increased NADH/NAD ratio, causing increased flux of electrons through electron transport chain, producing superoxide radicals. This causes DNA damage and the resultant ADP ribosylation of proteins inhibit glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate dehydrogenase of glycolysis, causing accumulation of glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate and its precursor fructose 6-phosphate. The former cause activation of protein kinase C pathway through DAG – protein kinase C pathway stimulates the production of various cytokines and thereby stimulates inflammation. Fructose 6 phosphate stimulates hexosamine pathway, thereby stimulate N- glycosylation of many proteins like eNOS and inhibition of them, this causes NOS uncoupling and the resultant oxidative stress further aggravates the condition. Furthermore, there is increased formation of advanced glycation end product, which on

binding to receptor for advanced glycation end products is found to stimulate NF-kB pathway, causing all the features of atherosclerosis.

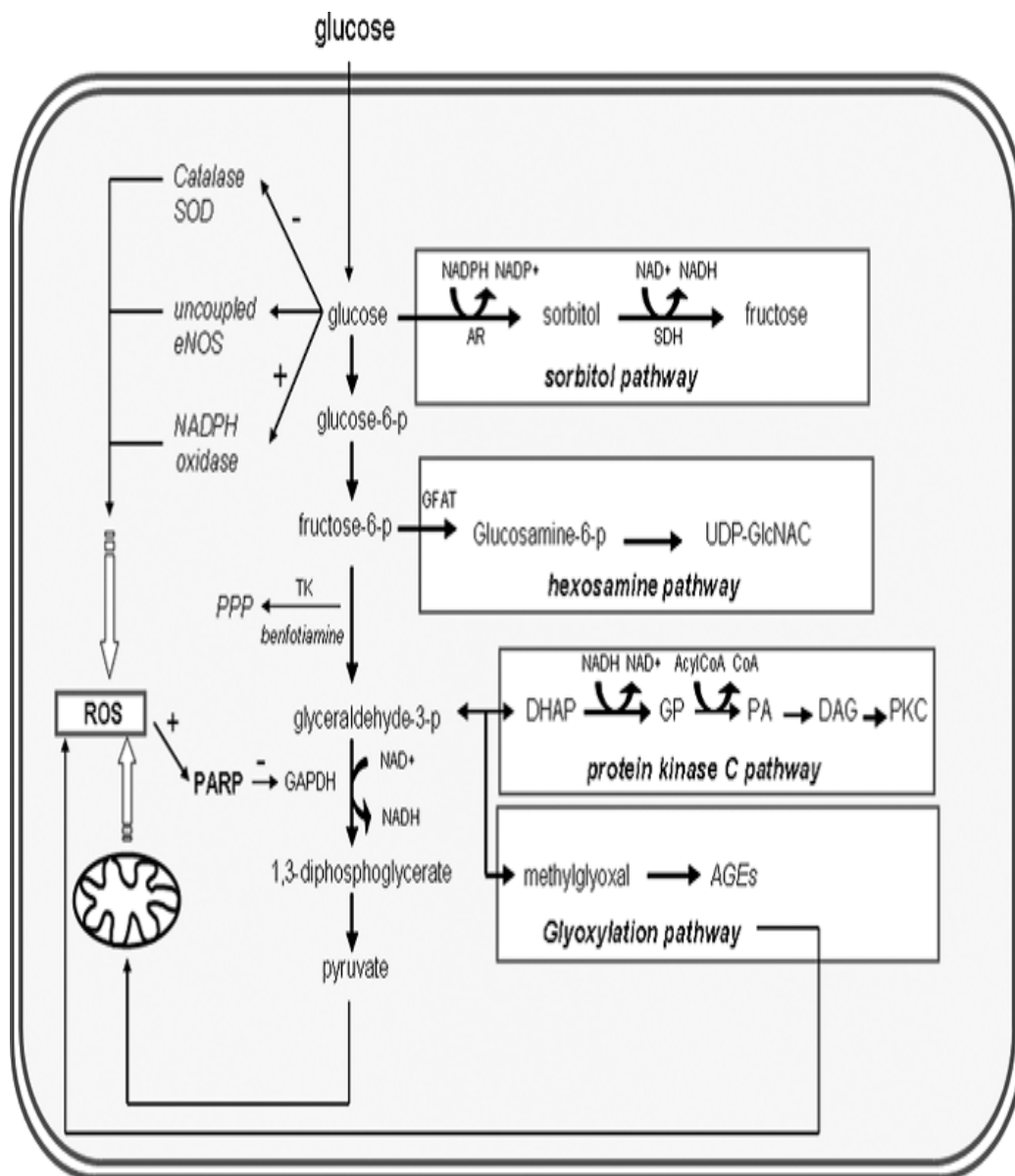
Insulin resistance and hyperinsulinemia

Coronary risk factors are resistance to insulin, hyperinsulinemia, hypertension, diabetes, hypertriglyceridemia, low HDL, predominance of small LDL, and elevated plasminogen activator inhibitor concentration^{62,63}. Hyperinsulinemia may raise blood pressure through sympathetic nerve stimulation and/or renal sodium retention. Insulin sensitivity is associated with endothelial nitric oxide production in healthy persons providing a clue as to how insulin resistance may promote CHD directly⁶⁴. Furthermore, hyperinsulinemia has been found in a prospective study to be an independent risk factor for CHD in nondiabetic men after adjusting for body weight, blood pressure and dyslipidemia⁶⁵.

Physical inactivity

Physical inactivity roughly doubles the risk of CHD. Moderate intensity exercise decreases coronary atherosclerosis and widens coronary arteries in monkeys fed on atherogenic diet compared with monkeys fed the same diet but forced to be inactive⁶⁶. There is a slow development of angiographically defined coronary atherosclerosis in human with physical activity⁶⁷. Men with physical fitness have reduced the risk of CHD⁶⁸. The

**Fig 4. PATHOGENESIS OF ATHEROSCLEROSIS IN
DIABETES MELLITUS**



risk of MI and sudden cardiac death is greatest during exercise, leading some to question the benefits of exercise⁶⁹. The overall risk of myocardial infarction and sudden cardiac death, is however low among those who exercise regularly. The greatest reduction in risk is between sedentary individuals and those who do regular moderate intensity activity.

Physical activities may lessen CHD risk include by rising HDL, decreasing hypertension and obesity, reducing insulin resistance, decreasing platelet accumulation and increasing fibrinolysis⁶⁸.

Obesity

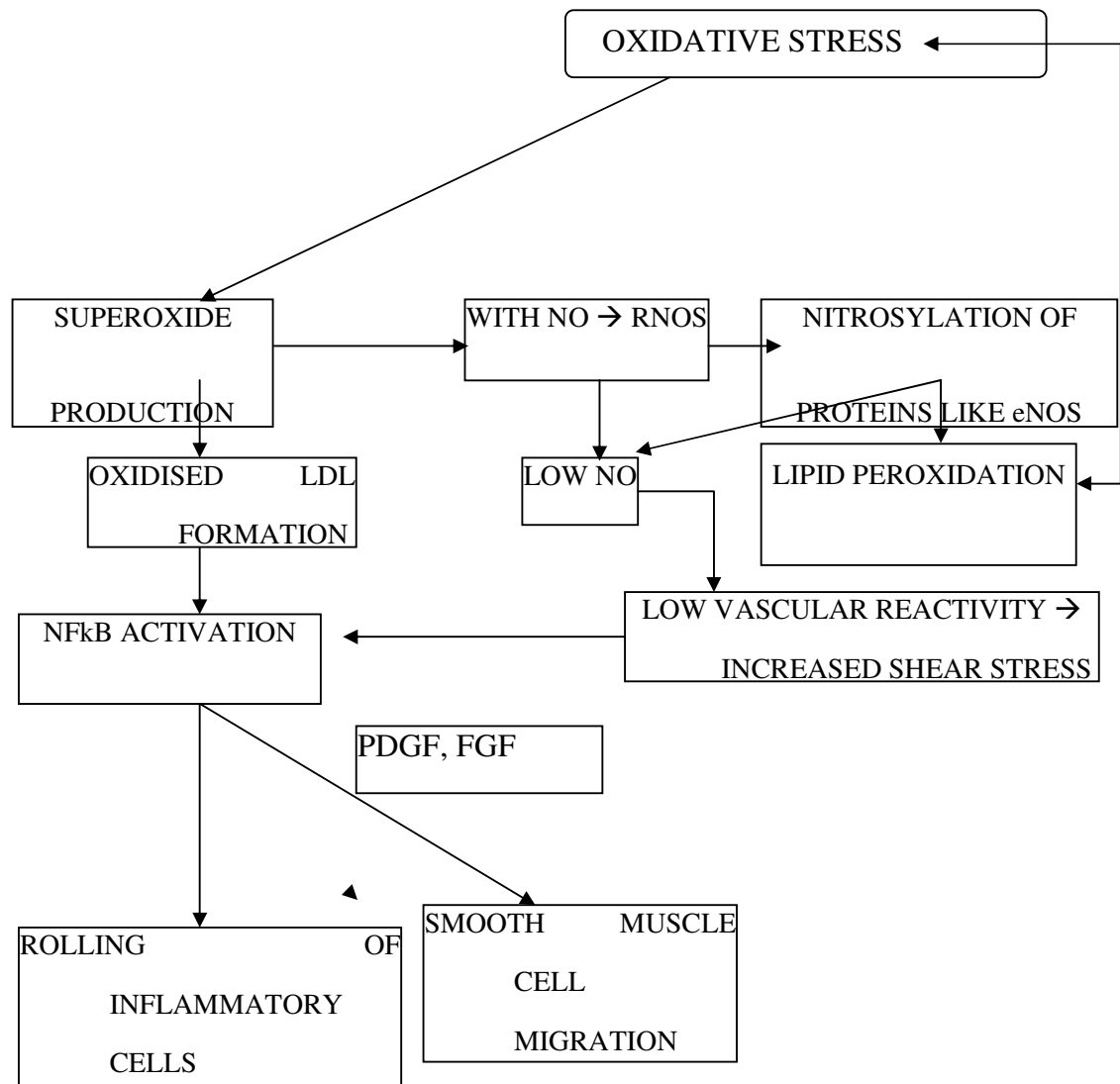
Obesity promotes insulin resistance, hyperinsulinemia, hypertriglyceridemia, low HDL cholesterol, and LVH^{70,71}. Many observational studies have found that obesity strongly and positively correlates with the risk of CHD in univariate analysis. In multivariate analysis, when controlling statistically for risk factors such as hypertension, diabetes, and dyslipidemia, obesity is not found to be an independent risk factor. Rather it reflects that much of the adverse consequences of obesity are mediated through resultant metabolic risk factors acting as pathological links in the causal pathway. Nevertheless, some large prospective observational studies of long duration indicate that obesity also increases coronary and cardiovascular mortality in men and women⁷²⁻⁷⁴. The deposition of fat in central portions of the body

predicts CHD in men independently of body-mass index and other major risk factors⁷⁵. Weight loss improves insulin sensitivity and glucose disposal; reduces blood pressure, triglycerides and LVH; and increases HDL cholesterol^{70,71}.

Oxidative stress

Over production of reactive oxygen species has been concerned to play a major role in a number of cardiovascular pathologies. ROS are generated in vascular cells by NADPH oxidases, uncoupled eNOS, and as a product of mitochondrial respiration³⁷. If this production goes unbalanced, it leads to exacerbation of pathophysiological processes. Superoxide radicals are found to cause oxidative modification of LDL. Oxidised LDL, by activating NF-kB pathway of inflammation is found to mediate the increased production of IL-1, increased expression of ICAM, both of which mediate the rolling of inflammatory cells. Furthermore there is increased production of PDGF and FGF, both of which cause smooth muscle cell proliferation and migration. This cycle is reinforced by the decreased production of NO, because the superoxide cause nitrosylation of eNOS and thereby it inhibits the enzyme activity. The decreased NO causes increased vascular reactivity and the resultant shear stress will further stimulate NF-kB pathway. Thus, commencement and development of atherosclerosis is influenced by oxidized LDL⁷⁶⁻⁷⁹.

Fig 5, ROLE OF OXIDATIVE STRESS IN ATHEROSCLEROSIS



Cigarette smoking

Strong dose relationships between cigarette smoking and coronary heart disease have been observed in both sexes. Cigarette smoking increases the risk two to three fold and interacts with other risk factors to multiply risk. Pathophysiological studies have identified a panoply of mechanisms through which cigarette smoking may cause CHD. Smokers have increased levels of oxidation products, including oxidised LDL. Cigarette smoking also lowers the cardioprotective levels of HDL. These effects, along with direct effects of carbon monoxide and nicotine, produce endothelial damage. Possibly, through these mechanisms, smokers have increased vascular reactivity⁸⁰. Cigarette smoking is also related to increased levels of fibrinogen⁸¹ and increased platelet aggregability⁸². Thus cigarette smoking paves way for atherosclerosis by inducing oxidative stress and by altering coagulability.

Dyslipidemia

Total cholesterol and LDL cholesterol

Many studies have identified a permanent, graded and direct association between serum cholesterol and CHD occurrence.⁸³. The level of total and LDL cholesterol interacts with other risk factors to multiply risk⁸⁴. Elevated LDL cholesterol levels have been related to

recurrent events and CHD death in patients with established CHD⁸⁵. The progression of atherogenesis is mediated by increased LDL cholesterol levels. Elevated cholesterol concentrations in the plasma lead to an increased release of LDL particles into the arterial wall. Their oxidation leads to the formation oxidized LDL which act as chemoattractants⁸⁶. LDL is also a potent mitogen for smooth muscle cells; progressive growth of atherosclerotic plaques can be halted by lowering of LDL cholesterol levels. Atherosclerotic plaques with a large lipid core and numerous lipid filled macrophages are prone to rupture⁸⁷.

Furthermore, small dense LDL is felt to be more atherogenic⁸⁸. Possible explanation for this is that when a person has more of small LDL particles, for given cholesterol content, the number of LDL particles will be more, and an LDL receptor can accept only one LDL particle at a time and hence the rate of metabolism of LDL is decreased, causing accumulation of LDL in the plasma. The second reason for the same is the endothelium will be more permeable to small LDL particle when compared to a normal LDL.

Triglycerides

The relationship between triglycerides and CHD has been less clear. This relationship usually disappears after adjustment for other risk factors such as HDL cholesterol, obesity and diabetes⁸⁹. Hypertriglyceridemia however has been found to be an independent risk

factor in women⁹⁰. Several mechanisms have been proposed to explain the triglyceride- CHD association. First, some patients with hypertriglyceridemia have a predominance of small, dense LDL particles. Second, fasting hypertriglyceridemia may be a marker of exaggerated postprandial hyperlipidemia, which may promote the uptake of atherogenic triglyceride rich lipoprotein remnants by endothelial cells⁹¹. Finally, serum triglyceride levels are strongly related to fibrinogen and factor VII in numerous epidemiological studies⁹². Therefore, number of mechanisms, direct and indirect link serum triglycerides and CHD.

Low HDL cholesterol

There is indirect association between HDL cholesterol levels and the frequency of CHD⁹³. The ratio of total cholesterol to HDL cholesterol is a superior interpreter of CHD than the HDL cholesterol level alone⁹³. Two important mechanisms by which HDL is thought to play a protective role against atherosclerosis are reverse cholesterol transport and inhibition of LDL oxidation.

MMP-2

MMP-2 is a zinc and calcium dependent endopeptidases⁹⁴. MMP-2 has MW of 72KDa, is also known as type IV collagenase that degrades native type IV, V, VII, and X collagen⁹⁵. Type IV is a main

component of the basement membrane. MMPs are zinc dependent endopeptidase, able to cleave the ECM. ECM plays a key role for the proper function of different organs of the human body including heart and blood vessels. MMPs cause proteolytic destruction of ECM⁹⁶. Because of its presence everywhere in the body, it has various functions.⁹⁷ Gelatinases composed of the 72KDa MMP-2 and 92KDa MMP-7. Gelatinase A is another name of MMP-2.

All MMPs are produced in inactive structure. They are produced as proenzymes and need extracellular activation. For its activation MMPs need zinc. The activation steps consist of three different mechanisms: 1. stepwise activation, 2. cell surface activation and 3. intracellular activation.

These enzymes are produced in low amounts by normal cells linked with normal tissue remodeling such as healing of wounds, implantation, invasion of trophoblasts, and angiogenesis. MMPs are often over expressed in malignant tumors.

The matrix metalloproteinase family.

MMPs-MMP-1

Name-Fibroblast

Subfamily-Interstitial

Main substrate -Fibrillar collagen

MMPs-MMP-8

Name-Neutrophil

Subfamily-- Collagenase

Main substrate-Fibrillar collagen

MMPs-MMP-13

Name--- Collagenase-3

Subfamily-- Collagenase

Main substrate-Fibrillar collagen

MMPs-MMP-18

Name--- Collagenase-4

Subfamily-- Collagenase

Main substrate-Fibrillar collagen

MMPs-MMP-2

Name--- Gelatinase

Fig 6. RIBBON DIAGRAM OF HUMAN PRO MMP-2 AND ACTIVE MMP-2

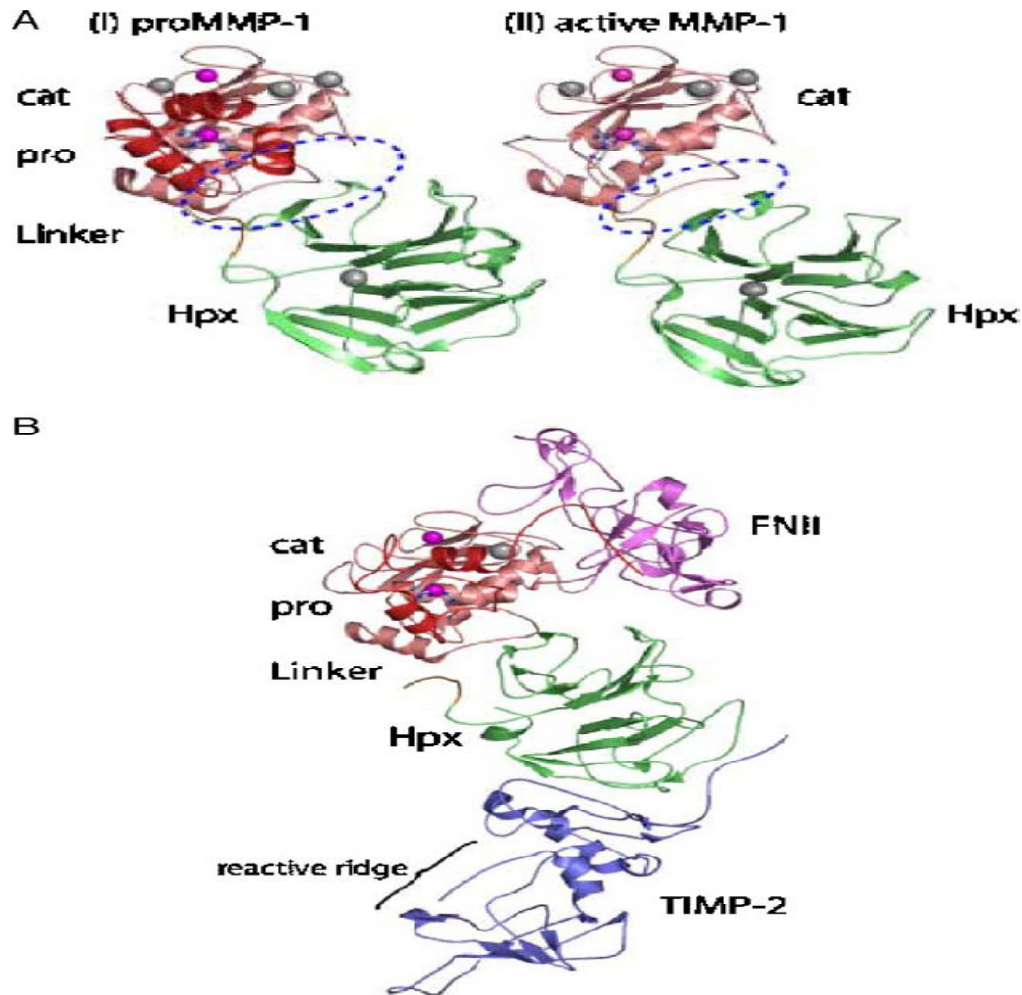


Fig. 6. (A) Ribbon diagram of human proMMP-2 and active MMP-2. The pro-domain is shown in red, catalytic domain in pink, the linker region in yellow, the hemopexin domain in green, zinc ions in purple, calcium ions in grey. The dotted circle indicates the region where the catalytic and hemopexin domains interact. proMMP-2 has a larger area of Contact sites than MMP-2. This results in the active form has an “open” configuration compared the “closed” configuration of proMMP-2. (B) Ribbon structure of the complex of proMMP-2 and TIMP-2. Domains of proMMP-2 are shown as in (A) and the finbronectin type II (FNII) motif is in purple.

Subfamily- Gelatinase A

Main substrate- Gelatin, Type IV collagen, Fibronectin, Elastin, Laminin

MMPs-MMP-9

Name--- Gelatinase

Subfamily- Gelatinase B

Main substrate- Gelatin, Vitronectin, Fibronectin, Elastin, Laminin

MMPs-MMP-3

Name--- Stromelysins

Subfamily- Stromelysins-1

Main substrate- Fibronectin, TIMP-2

MMPs-MMP-10

Name--- Stromelysins

Subfamily- Stromelysins-2

Main substrate- Fibronectin, TIMP-2

MMPs-MMP-11

Name--- Stromelysins

Subfamily- Stromelysins-3

Main substrate- Gelatin,.Fibronectin.Elastin Laminin,Aggrecan.

MMPs-MMP-7

Name--- Matrilysin

Subfamily- Stromelysins

Main substrate- Gelatin,.Fibronectin.Elastin ,Vitronectin,Aggrecan

MMPs-MMP-12

Name--Metallo- Elastases

Subfamily---- Elastases **.Main substrate-** Gelatin,.Fibronectin,Elastin,
Vitronectin,Proteoglycan,Collagen-IV

MMPs-MMP-14

Name—MT1-MMP

Subfamily---- Membrane type MMPs

Main substrate- Pro MMP-2,Pro collagenase

MMPs-MMP-15

Fig 7.DOMAIN STRUCTURE FOR MAJOR CLASSES OF MMPs

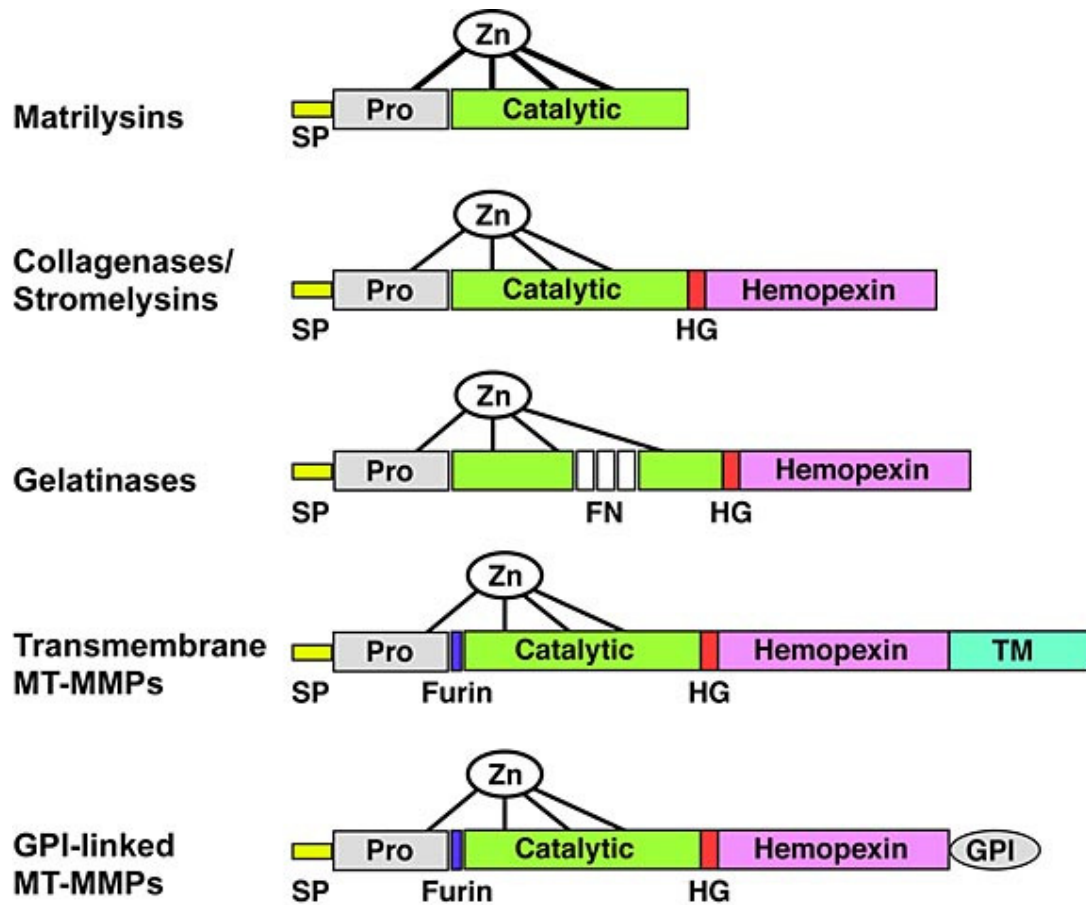
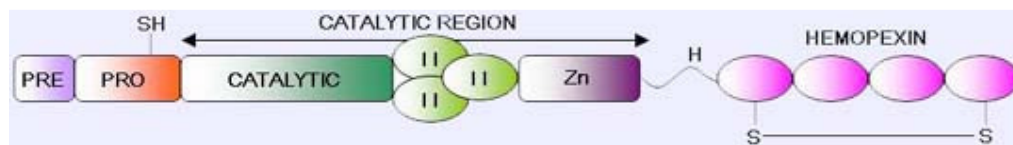


Figure 7. Domain structure for the major classes of MMPs. Major domains include the signal peptide (SP), prodomain (Pro), catalytic domain with the active site zinc (Zn) bound to cysteine residues within this domain and "cysteine switch-residue" in the prodomain, the hinge domain (HG), the hemopexin domain, and in some cases either a transmembrane domain or GPI-anchor domain (GPI). A furin cleavage site between the prodomain and the catalytic domain is found in some MMPs. In the gelatinases, fibronectin-like type II repeats (FN) are also present

Fig 8. DOMAIN STRUCTURE OF MMP-2



Domain structure of the MMP2.

- ☐ **Pre:** signal sequence;
- ☐ **Pro:** propeptide with a free zinc-ligating thiol (SH) group;
- ☐ **Zn:** zinc-binding site;
- ☐ **II:** collagen-binding fibronectin type II inserts;
- ☐ ;

The hemopexin/vitronectin-like domain contains four repeats with the first and last linked by a disulfide bond.

- ☐ **H:** hinge region;

Name—MT2-MMP

Subfamily---- Membrane type MMPs

Main substrate- Pro MMP-2,

MMPs-MMP-16

Name—MT3-MMP

Subfamily---- Membrane type MMPs

Main substrate- Pro MMP-2,

MMPs-MMP-17

Name—MT4-MMP

Subfamily---- Membrane type MMPs

Main substrate- Nil.

Other MMPs-MMP-19

MMP-20(Enamelysin),Substrate-Amelogenin.

SYNTHESIS OF MMP-2

MMP-2 are produced by endothelial cells, smooth muscle cells, and fibroblasts. Oxidative stress which is involved in cardiovascular

disease, can stimulate MMPs production and activation⁹⁸. MMP-2 is the principal matrix metalloproteinase secreted by smooth muscle cells. Most MMPs are produced as inactive zymogens. The majority of MMPs contain propeptide domain with a unique and highly conserved sequence of cysteine ('cysteine switch') is capable of binding zinc in the catalytic domain, and making the enzyme inactive⁹⁹. Interruption of the cysteine- zinc bond and deletion of the propeptide domain activates the catalytic domain. It also needs calcium ions for its activation . The C- terminal hemopexin like domain has a role in substrate binding¹⁰⁰. Pro MMP-2 contains 631 aminoacid residues. Active MMP-2 contains 80 aminoacid residues.

ACTIVATION OF MMP-2

Activation of inactive enzyme can occur intracellularly, at the cell surface, and in the extra cellular space through the activation by previously activated MMPs through a course called stepwise activation¹⁰¹. The signals for endoproteolytic cleavage for furin via trans-Golgi network are considered to be from these MMPs which contain a motif of basic aminoacid sequence present in upstream of the catalytic domain^{102,103}.

At the cell surface Pro-MMP-2 binds with MT₁-MMP and TIMP-2, and the neighbouring MT₁-MMP cleave Pro-MMP-2 at the prodomain¹⁰⁴.

Fig 9. ACTIVATION OF PRO MMP-2

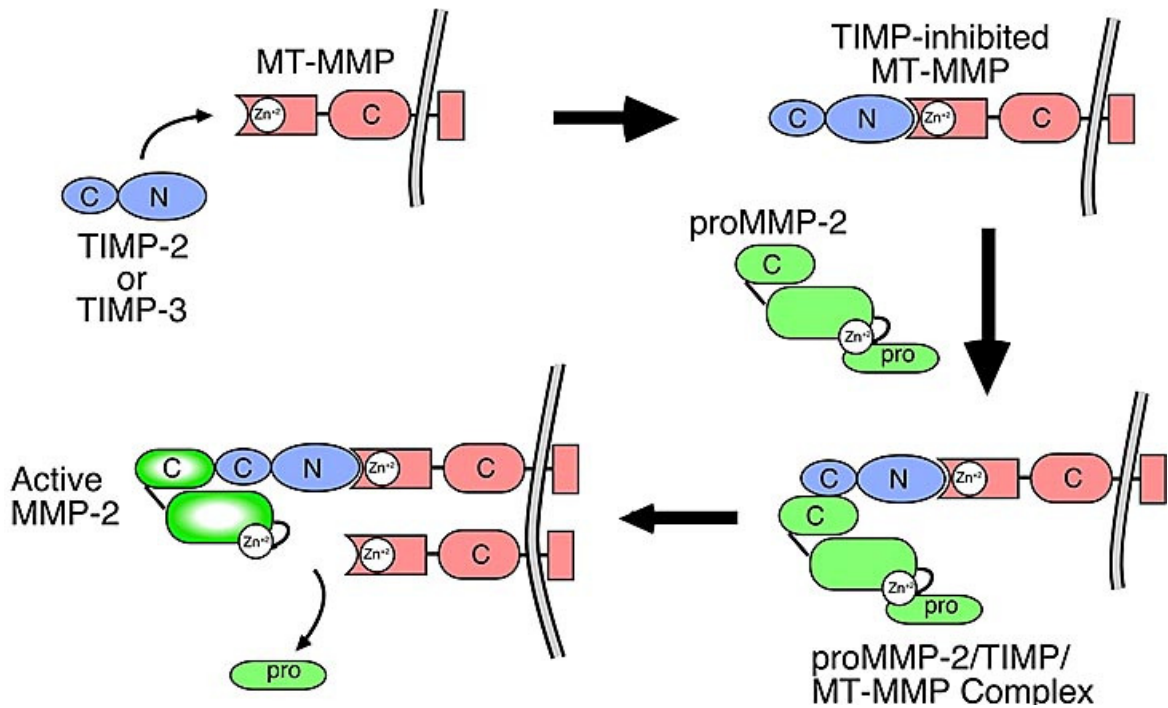


Figure 9. Simple model illustrating the basic steps of proMMP-2 activation through the formation of a proMMP-2/TIMP/MT-MMP ternary complex. In this model, TIMP-2 or TIMP-3 binds the catalytic domain of MT1-MMP or MT3-MMP forming a TIMP/MT-MMP complex on the cell surface. While this inhibits the activity of the occupied MT-MMP, TIMP-2 and TIMP-3 retain their ability to bind proMMP-2 effectively recruiting proMMP-2 to the cell surface. Once on the cell surface, an adjacent TIMP-free MT-MMP cleaves and activates proMMP-2.

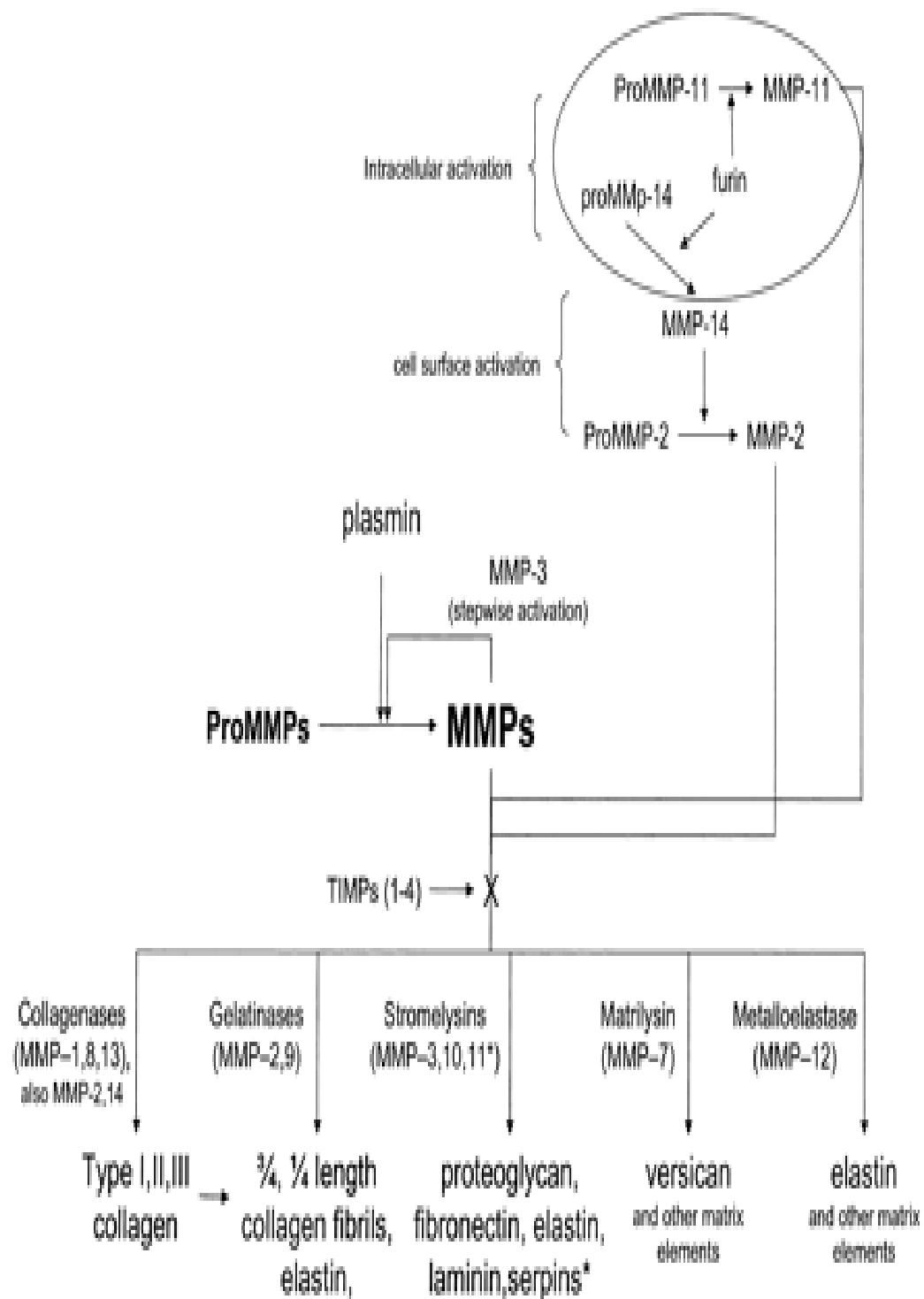
The integrin binds to the hemopexin domain of Pro-MMP-2 is considered to be the initiation of activation. Many integrins including $\alpha 2 \beta 1$ and $\alpha 2 \beta 3$ are involved. Some proteases, mainly plasmin, is the major contributor for extra cellular stepwise activation via cysteine switch¹⁰⁵. Reactive oxygen compounds react with thiol groups and activate Pro-MMP-2 are thought to be via the 'cysteine switch' mechanism¹⁰⁶.

Thrombin, and factor Xa are also involved in activation of Pro-MMP-2. Activated MMP-2 activates Pro-MMP-9 and MMP-12 thereby causing a cascade-like effect on MMP activation¹⁰⁷. MMP activity is also regulated by tissue specific inhibitor of metalloproteinases¹⁰⁸(TIMP-1, TIMP-2, TIMP-3, TIMP-4).

FUNCTIONS

MMP-2 has numerous functions including embryonic development, cell migration, wound healing, tissue resorption and angiogenesis¹⁰⁹. All these are due to its ability to modify the structural integrity of tissues. MMP-2 also involved in osteoblast bone formation and inhibits osteoclastic bone resorption¹¹⁰. Increased MMP -2 expression is found in the pathologic conditions, such as rupture of atherosclerotic plaques and following acute coronary syndromes¹¹¹.

Fig 10. INTRACELLULAR ACTIVATION OF PROMMP-2



ECM plays a key role for the proper function of different organs of the human body including heart and bloodvessels..

The main function of MMP-2 is destruction of proteins in ECM such as type IV, V, VII, IX and X collagen.

REGULATION OF MMP-2 ACTIVITY

There are three different levels for MMP-2 regulation. 1. Gene transcription, 2. Post translational activation of zymogens and 3. Interaction of secreted MMPs with inhibitors¹¹². Inter relation of transcription factors, co-activators and co-repressor proteins with cis-acting elements in the promoter region of MMP-2 gene involve at the level of transcription. It is predominantly via prostaglandin E2 -cAMP dependent pathway. G proteins have been concerned to be involved¹¹³. It is stimulated by inflammatory cytokines, hormones, and growth factors, such as interleukin-1 β (IL- β), IL-6, tumor necrosis factor^{114 - 117}. Hypoxia, more than 24 hrs, increases expression of mRNA for MMP-2.

Transcriptional regulation of MMP-2

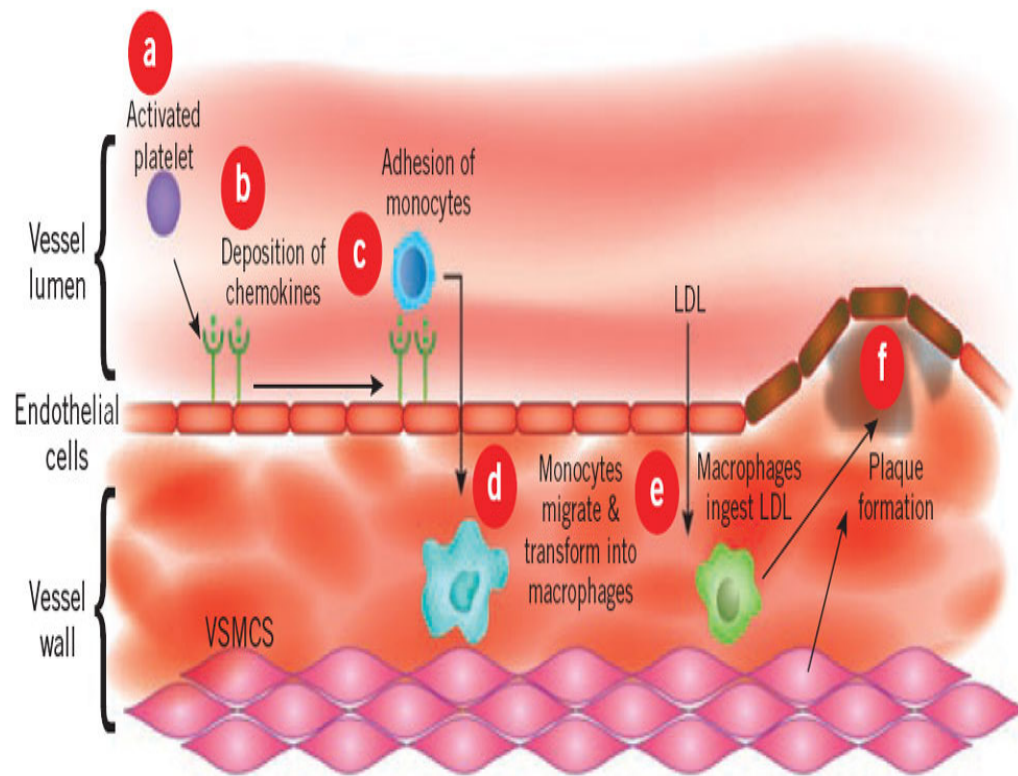
Indomethocin, corticosteroids, and interleukins 4^{118,119,120} reduce gene expression. Their inhibition is due to addition of PGE2 or cAMP. PPAR γ released from vascular smooth muscle cells and macrophages decreases MMP expression¹²¹. T to C alteration at a site - 1306 in

the promoter region of MMP-2 gene influences expression. This polymorphisms have been linked with cardio vascular disease.

ROLE OF MMP-2 IN ATHEROSCLEROSIS

MMPs cause plaque progression of plaque make it into vulnerable, and more prone for rupture. Inflammation, is a hall mark of atherosclerotic plaque. Atherosclerotic lesion develops in the course of a chain of highly specific cellular and molecular inflammatory response of the vessels wall to an initial injury. The initial lesion, principally producing dysfunction of endothelium. Endothelium tries to neutralize this initial damage but when it persists the inflammation is characterized by penetration of leukocytes, lymphocytes, macrophages, and smooth muscle cells into the vessel wall along with lipids. These abundantly produced and activated MMP-2 assist the access of smooth muscle cells, monocytes, macrophages through endothelial cell layer by degrading the basement membrane. Simultaneously along with the ingestion of cholesterol, the development of plaque in the vessel wall is initiated and the plaque grows^{122,123} resulting reversible fatty-streak lesion. In the sub intimal space, MMP-2 activity further boosted by inflammatory cytokines such as interleukin-1, TNF- α , and oxidized LDL resulting non reversible lesion consist of activated macrophages, foam cells, T lymphocytes,

Fig 11.ROLE OF MMP-2 IN ATHEROSCLEROSIS



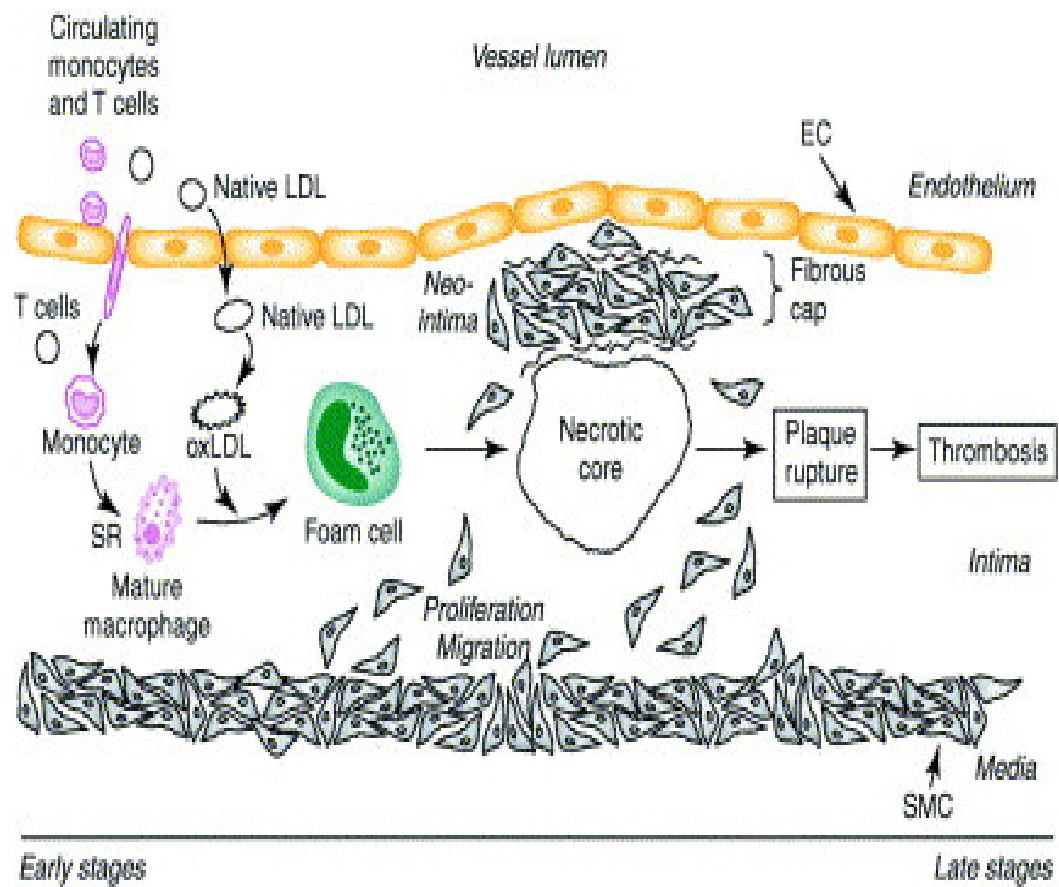
mast cells and other such cells around a necrotic lipid rich core. Thin fibrous cap lines over the plaque separates it from the blood stream.

The activated macrophages and mast cells locally destabilize the plaque by secreting a variety of matrix – degrading proteolytic enzymes such as MMPs^{124,125,126} and causes dissolution of fibrous cap resulting rupture of plaque. The exposed thrombogenic substances into the lumen leading thrombosis and its complications.

MMP-2s are again involved and can have ambivalent functions. The fibrous cap also contains elastin and proteoglycans^{127,128}. Degradation of the ECM by MMPs can thin the fibrous cap and reduce the collagen content – typical features of vulnerable plaques prone to rupture¹²⁹. MMPs also promote plaque angiogenesis, another feature associated with vulnerable plaques¹³⁰. Facilitation of cell entry, destruction of ECM proteins, thinning of fibrous cap and angiogenesis mediated by MMP-2 crucial for the progression of plaque towards vulnerable, high-risk lesions. MMPs causes dissolution of fibrous cap and destabilization of atheromatous plaque resulting plaque rupture. Subsequently, exposes thrombogenic substance into the lumen resulting thrombosis and its complications.

Increased activation of MMP-2 in coronary plaques, associated with plaque calcification^{131,132,133}.. Besides local expression in

Fig 12.ROLE OF MMP-2 IN PLAQUE RUPTURE



plaques, circulating MMP-2 found in patients with myocardial infarction¹³⁴.

Additional evidence linking MMPs to plaque rupture is by cyclo oxygenase pathway. MMP-2 production by macrophage also occurs through a PGE2/cAMP- dependent pathway¹³⁵.

MMP-2 AND PLATELET AGGREGATION

Translocation of MMP-2 from the cytosol to the platelet surface and is released during platelet aggregation¹³⁶. vWF – induced GP Ib expression is mediated by MMP-2 and causes platelet adhesions¹³⁷. The pro-aggregatory effects of collagen and platelets are initiated by MMP-2 via the mechanism independent of aspirin and thromboxane¹³⁸. It is thought to be beneficial that selective MMP-2 inhibitors could be given along with existing antiplatelet therapy in acute coronary syndrome.

ENDOGENOUS INHIBITORS OF MMP-2:

Activities of MMP-2 are inhibited by two types of endogenous inhibitors 1. α 2-macroglobulin and 2.TIMPs. Human α 2-macroglobulin is a 725 kDa MW and it has four 180kDa identical subunits similar to MMP-2. It acts by entrapping the proteinase within the macroglobulin and the complex is easily cleared by the receptor-mediated endocytosis.

TIMPs, consisting of 184–194 amino acids, are subdivided into an N-terminal and a C-terminal sub domains. Three conserved disulfide bonds present in both domains, and the N-terminal domain fold act as an independent unit with MMP inhibitory activity.

MMP-2 GENE

MMP-2 gene is located at chromosome 16q21, size 27, 862 bases. Base pair starts from 55515474 and ends at 55540586 base pair. The DNA sequence contains 13 exons. . MMP-2 gene spans 17kb and contains 13 exons encoding a 72KDa protein, ~ 3.1kb of MMP-2 transcribed sequence, 1.9kb of promoter sequence, and ~ 1kb of intronic sequence.

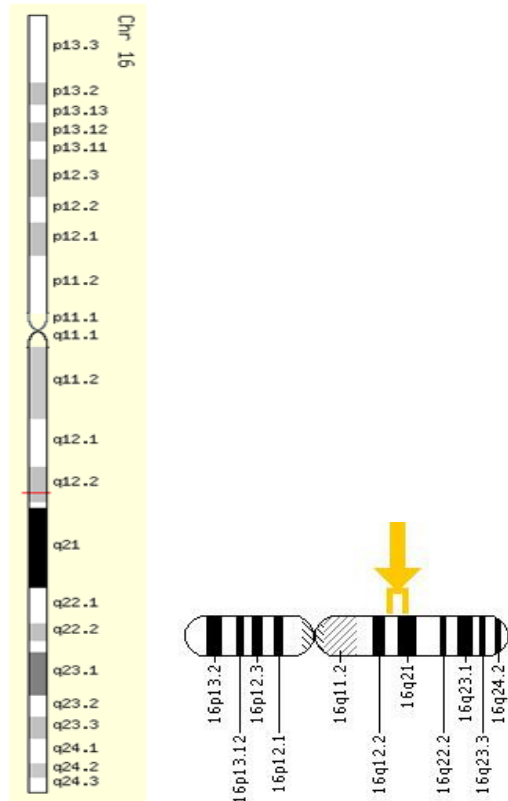
MMP-2 GENE POLYMORPHISM

MMP-2 gene polymorphism is situated at the promoter region linked with transcription. Price et al described this -1306 C/T MMP-2 polymorphism recently. They confirmed that C for T transition at location -1306 was functional and the C allele was linked with the more promoter activity.

It is a functional single nucleotide polymorphism¹⁴⁰. -1306 C transition in the MMP-2 promoter sequence distrupts at SP1-type promoter site (CCACC box), and thus displays a strikingly lower promoter activity with the T allele. -1306 C > T polymorphism affect

Fig 13.MATRIX METALLOPROTEINASE-2 GENE

LOCUS 16q21



binding of the estrogen receptors and the SP1 transcription factor respectively¹⁴¹. In the MMP-2 gene [rs 243865: -1306C/T, and rs 2285053: -735C/T] there are two promoter region polymorphisms. The gene transcription and the enzymatic levels are altered by producing disruption of transcriptional regulators binding sites¹⁴². In the MMP-2 gene, the two C 735 T and C 1306 T are frequently present. They produce allele specific effects on the transcriptional activities of MMP gene promoters¹⁴³.

MMP-2 GENE POLYMORPHISM AND MMP-2 ACTIVITY.

Among individuals MMP-2 expression can vary due to genetic difference which could influence susceptibility to cardiovascular disease. Raised MMP-2 levels have been found in the plasma of MI patients¹⁴⁴. Atherosclerotic plaques of coronary artery contain increased concentrations of MMP-2. In plasma MMP-2 concentration increase slowly after onset of MI, and reaches the maximum on day 21. The increased MMP-2 levels by the -1306CC genotype polymorphism becomes more significant and represents more MI risk¹⁴⁵.

POLYMORPHISM

The human genome contains hundreds of variations in base sequences that do not affect the phenotype. The property of molecules

to exist in more than one form is known as polymorphism. Polymorphism occurs in the frequency of more than 1% population.

MUTATION

A mutation is defined as an change in nucleotide sequence of DNA .This may be either gross ,so that large areas of chromosome are changed , or may be subtle with change in one or a few of every 10^6 cell divisions, one mutation takes place. Mutation may be defined as an abrupt spontaneous origin of new character. Statistically, out of every 10^6 cell divisions, one mutation takes place. Mutation occurs in the frequency of less than 1% of population.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MUTATION AND DNA POLYMORPHISM

If more than 1% of the population has a particular alteration in the sequence ,it is polymorphism. If only a few individuals have it, then it is mutation. Polymorphism is normal variation, and generally having no deleterious effect. Mutation is abnormal ,and sometimes will have defective function.

A polymorphic gene is one , in which the variant alleles are common in more than 1% of the total population. The existence of

two or more types of restriction fragment patterns is called restriction fragment length polymorphism (RFLP). This can be used as a genetic marker.

INHIBITORS OF MMP-2 EXPRESSION

In a concentration-dependent manner doxycycline inhibits expression of MMP-2 from smooth muscle cells. It reduces significantly MMP-2 production from SMCs at normal therapeutic serum concentration (5 µg/mL). It decreases half-life of mRNA from 49 hours to 28 hours, thereby reducing MMP-2 mRNA stability. Doxycycline acts by binding to metal ions such as calcium and zinc and inhibits the MMP-2 expression.

OTHER DISEASES ASSOCIATED WITH MMP-2 GENE POLYMORPHISM.

Many polymorphisms in the promoter region of MMP-2 gene, affects the MMP-2 production in an allele-specific manner. All these functional polymorphisms are associated with the risk of nasopharyngeal carcinoma. There is notably raised susceptibility to NPC for the MMP2 -1306CC (rs243865:C>T) and -735CC (rs2285053:C>T). The increased susceptibility to NPC related to the -1306CC and -735CC genotype and the C(-1306)-C(-735) haplotype was highly marked in heavy smokers. The *MMP-2* gene encoding 72-kDa

collagenase IV is located on chromosome 16q21. Recently, -735C>T (rs2285053), a sequence variant in the promoter region in *MMP-2*, leading to reduced promoter activity and thereby reduced gene expression, has been associated with gastric cardia. *MMP-2* -735C>T, CT or TT genotype recipients were linked with decreased danger for allograft rejection. *MMP-2* members of the gelatinases subfamily, have been most widely associated with allograft rejection, suggesting a significantly increased gelatinase expression at the time of rejection. Development of tissue remodelling and fibrosis in the renal and liver allograft has been influenced by *MMP-2*. By digestion of ECM, *MMPs* initiate tumor development and metastasis in invasive cancers. *MMP-2* easily degrades collagen IV and laminin-5 thereby supporting the metastatic cancerous cells to pass through by providing necessary gap.

In papillary thyroid microcarcinoma¹⁴⁶ expression of *MMP-2* could be used as a prognostic marker.

Many reports showed that raised *MP-2* expression and activity in pre cancer and cancer lesions of uterine cervix¹⁴⁷.

Progression of the lung diseases may also associated with elevated levels of *MMP-2* were reported¹⁴⁸.

-1306 allele with more transcriptional activity was linked with high risk of cancers including lung , gastric , cardiac and colorectal cancer¹⁴⁹⁻¹⁵².

Over expression of MMP-2 has been reported in breast cancer¹⁵³. Over expression has been reported in prostatic cancer¹⁵⁴. Over expression has been reported in cutaneous cancer¹⁵⁵. Elevated MMP-2 levels are linked with development of and MMP-2 activity in aneurysm of aorta¹⁵⁶.

Expression of COX2 and MMP-2 are linked with less survival in human breast cancer¹⁵⁷. Increased MMP-2 levels have been reported after ischaemic stroke¹⁵⁸. Beta-amyloid in neurons is degraded by active MMP-2 and play a role in Alzheimers disease¹⁵⁹. Expression of MMP-2 In pancreatic duct adenocarcinoma¹⁶⁰ there will be increased expression of MMP-2 has been reported. Multicentric osteolysis and arthritis syndrome¹⁶¹ results from mutation of MMP-2 gene.

Aim of the Study

AIM OF THE STUDY

Dysregulation in matrix metalloproteinase-2 activity plays a major role in atherogenesis and atherosclerotic plaque rupture, a disease characterised by difference in susceptibility among people in any given population. A strong positive relation exists between plasma matrix metalloproteinase-2 level and the risk of Myocardial Infarction.

Myocardial Infarction is predominantly due to atherosclerosis of coronary arteries . MMP-2 degrades extra- cellular proteins and plays an important role in atherogenesis and atherosclerotic plaque rupture, resulting thrombosis, and its complications like myocardial infarction. Available reports addressed on the variability of MMP-2 activity among people in given population. This variability is attributed to the various polymorphisms of MMP-2 gene, whose product is suspected to be involved in pathogenesis of atherogenesis and atherosclerotic plaque rupture with myocardial infarction.

The candidate gene of this study is MMP-2 gene and the aim of the study is, to determine the association of MMP-2 gene polymorphism and the concerned phenotype variation with Myocardial Infarction.

Materials and Methods

MATERIALS AND METHODS

STUDY POPULATION

CASES

The study sample comprised 100 unrelated Myocardial Infarction patients (85 male , 15 female) of Mean age 50.34 ± 9.84 years. More than 50% narrowing of at least one of the major coronary arteries included.. Hospitalized cases with acute attack of Myocardial Infarction were included.

CONTROL SUBJECTS

Controls were recruited from outpatient department during their visit for non cardiac cases. Age , Sex and other confounding factors like diabetes , hyper tension , smoking, alcoholism were matched.

METHODS

Recumbent blood pressure and 12 lead ECG were recorded. Height and weight were recorded and 5 mL of blood was collected by intravenous route after fortnight fasting in two test tubes. 2 mL was

heparanised and the remaining 3 mL was collected in EDTA tube. Heparanised tube was centrifuged at 2000 rpm for 10 minutes and Plasma was used for mmp-2 activity. EDTA tube was centrifuged at 2000 rpm for twenty minutes to get the buffy coat for DNA extraction and the plasma was utilized for lipid profile estimation.

BUFFY COAT SEPARATION

Buffy coat was separated by centrifugation of EDTA tubes at 2000 revolutions for 20 minutes. Buffy coat was transferred to 2mL eppendorf and was used for DNA extraction. Plasma separated was used for lipid profile estimation.

BIOCHEMICAL MARKERS

Total cholesterol (TC), high density lipoprotein cholesterol (HDL-c) .Low density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-c) and triglyceride concentration (TGL) Were determined by using enzymatic kits and XL-300 auto analyzer at Centralized Biochemistry Laboratory at R.G. G.G.H, Chennai-3.

DNA EXTRACTION BY MODIFIED HIGH SALT METHOD¹⁶¹

DNA EXTRACTION BY HIGH SALT METHOD

METHOD

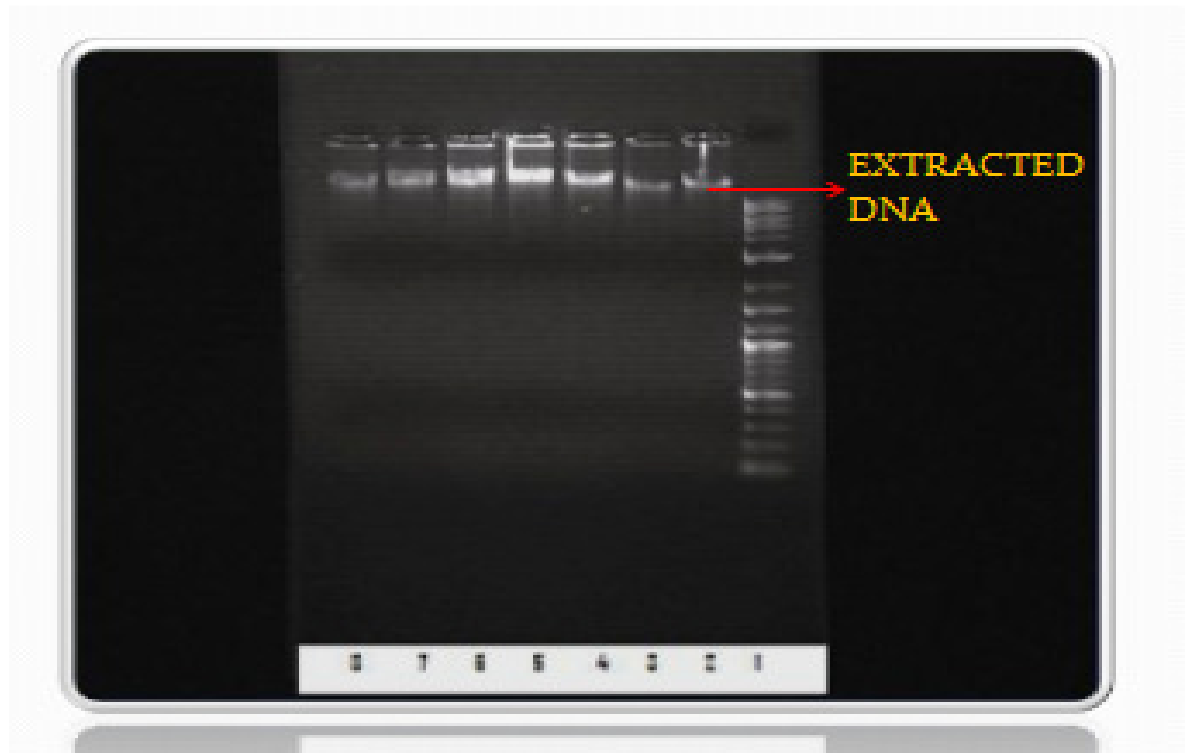


Figure 14. shows,extracted DNA(lane 2 to 8) was tested on 0.8% agarose gel using 1kbp ladder(lane 1)

Ladder shows 10000,8000,7000,6000,5000,4000,3000,2000,and 1000 bp fragments.

RBC Lysis:

- 400 μ L of buffy coat in a 2mL eppendorf is mixed with 1.6mL of 0.17M ammonium chloride and mixed by inversion until red cells are lysed for about 10 minutes.
- The cells are centrifuged at 4000 rpm for 10minutes.
- The white cell pellet is washed with 800 μ L of 0.17M ammonium chloride solution. The procedure is repeated till a clear white cell pellet is obtained.

WBC Lysis

- To the pellet 500 μ L of TKM I solution is added. It is centrifuged at 10,000 rpm for 10 minutes.

Nuclear Lysis

- Discard the supernatant. To the pellet add 500 μ L of TKM II solution. To that add 300 μ L of 6M NaCl and 50 μ L of 10% SDS.
- Mix well (vortex), Centrifuge at 10,000 rpm for 10 minutes.
- Save the supernatant. Transfer it to 1.5 Ml eppendorf.

DNA Precipitation

- To the supernatant double the volume of 100% ethanol is added.
- The sample is stored at -20°C for 1 hour.
- Then it is centrifuged at 10,000 rpm for 20minutes at 4°C in a refrigerated centrifuge.
- The supernatant is discarded. To this 500 µL of 70% ethanol is added. The pellet is mixed and centrifuged at 10,000 rpm for 10 minutes at 4°C.
- Supernatant is discarded and the pellet is air dried.

Storage

- To the pellet 30 µL of LTE buffer is added and the extracted DNA is stored at -20°C for future use.

Identification

- Extracted DNA was identified by 0.8% agarose gel electrophoresis with a constant voltage of 7V/cm and comparison with a known molecular weight 1kb DNA ladder . Figure:1

Concentration of extracted DNA

- Concentration of extracted DNA was estimated using UV spectroscopy at 260nm. The absorbance at 260nm was 0.0203.

Concentration was calculated using the formula: 1 OD is equivalent to 50µg/mL

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Conc. of DNA} &= \text{absorbance} \times 50\mu\text{g/mL} \times \text{dilution factor} \\ &= 0.0203 \times 50 \times 100 \\ &= 101.5 \text{ ng} / \mu\text{L}\end{aligned}$$

- Purity of extracted DNA was assessed by 260/280 ratio and it was found to be > 1.7

POLYMERASE CHAIN REACTION

- 188 bp fragment of MMP-2 gene was polymerized by using,
 - Forward primer –5 CTCCTAGGCTGGTCCTTACTGA 3
 - Reverse primer - 5 CTGAGACCTGAAGAGCTAAAGAGCT 3

Primer Reconstitution

Primers are supplied in lyophilized form. Autoclaved distilled water is used to prepare 100 × concentrations i.e. 10times the molecular weight of primer is the volume of water required to prepare 100 × concentrations which is 100 µmolar solution.

- From this stock solution 10 × concentration is prepared as the working solution for PCR.

POLYMERASE CHAIN REACTION

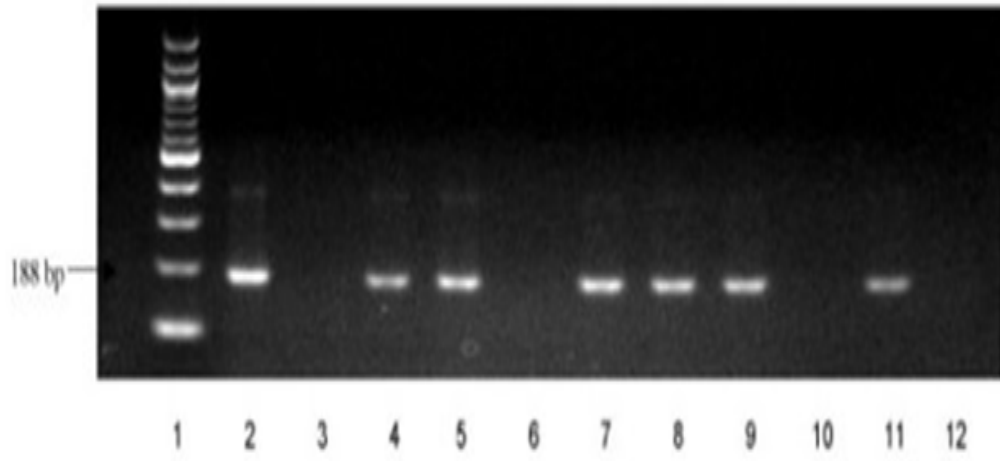


Figure 15, shows, the 188bp MMP2 gene PCR product (lane 2 to 8) on 2% agarose gel.

**Lane 1 shows, 100bp DNA ladder-
marker fragments include 1000, 900, 800, 700, 600,
500, 400, 300, 200, 100bp.**

MASTER MIX:

- Genei Red Dye master mix in the following composition was used.
- Master Mix consists of a unique inert red dye in addition to basic components necessary for PCR.
- Reaction buffer consisted of Tris Hcl - 10mM at pH 8.3
- KCl₂ -50mM
- MgCl₂ - 1.5mM acts as catalyst.
- dNTP's were used in a concentration of 2.5 mM each.
- Taq polymerase in a concentration of 1.5 U.
- Primers were used in a concentration of 5 pmol and DNA was used in a concentration of 200ng.
- PCR was done with a reaction volume of 25 μ L with the following components;
- PCR master mix – 12.5 μ L
- Forward primer – 0.8 μ L

- Reverse primer – 0.8 μ L
- DNA – 2.0 μ L
- Distilled water – 8.9 μ L
- Total – 25 μ L
- Amplification was carried out in an Applied Biosystems thermal cycler with the following cycling conditions.
- Initial denaturation - 94⁰ C -5min
- 37 cycles of
- Denaturation - 94⁰C – 1 min
- Annealing - 60.5⁰C – 1min
- Extension - 72⁰C – 1min
- Final extension at 72⁰C - 10 min.
- Amplified product – amplicons of 188 bp was identified by 2% agarose gel electrophoresis by comparison with a known 100bp DNA ladder. Figure 2.

AGAROSE GEL ELECTROPHORESIS

- PCR product is run on 2% agarose gel in a 30 mL agarose cast as follows: 0.75g of agarose is weighed and dissolved in 30mL of TAE buffer with a pH of 8.0.

- It is microwaved for 60 secs, cooled and 1.5 μ L of ethidium bromide (10mg/mL) is added. It is poured into a cast and allowed to solidify for 15 min before it is kept in the electrophoresis tank.
- 8 μ L of PCR product is loaded on to wells and 4 μ L of 100bp DNA ladder is loaded on to single well as a marker. It is electrophoresed at 8V/cm for 45min and visualized under UV illumination.

RESTRICTION DIGESTION OF PCR PRODUCTS

MMP-2 polymorphism was determined by amplification by PCR and digestion with the Bfa1 restriction enzyme (7.5 units for 4 hours) followed by size fractionation in 3% Ethidium bromide –stained Agarose Gel Electrophoresis.

Principle of Bfa1(*Bacteroides fragilis*) enzyme digestion

C allele does not have the restriction site hence will yield a 188 bp fragment.

- T allele has the restriction site, hence gets cleaved to give 162 bp and 26 bp fragments.
- Heterozygous individuals (CT) allele gets cleaved to give 188bp, 162bp, and 26bp fragments.

FIG:16,RESTRICTION DIGESTION

PRODUCTS

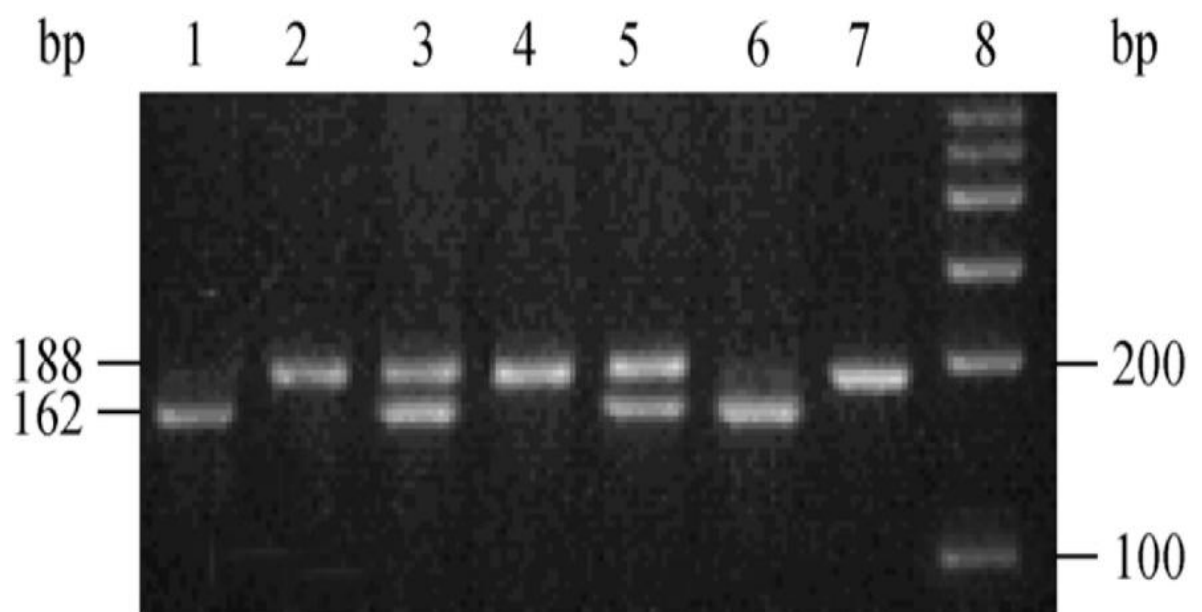


Fig 16,shows,genotype analysis done on 2%agarose gel electrophoresis using 100bp DNA ladder(lane1)

Lane8-Ladder

Lane(1,6)-TT

Lane(2,4,7)-CC,Lane(3,5)-CT

LIPID PROFILE

The biochemical parameters undertaken for the study were determined using the following methodologies:

Estimation of Plasma Total Cholesterol

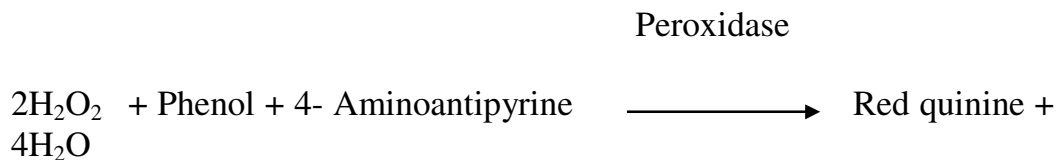
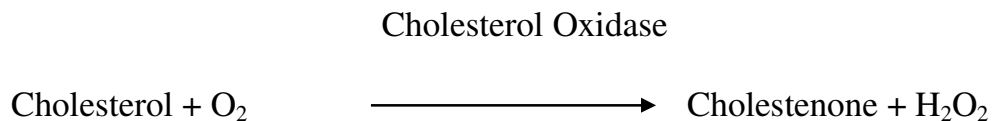
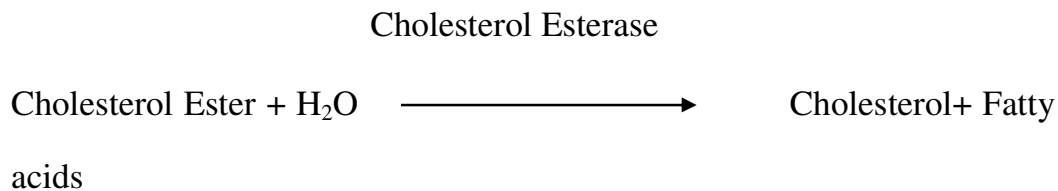
Method

Cholesterol Esterase – Cholesterol Oxidase

Kit used

Liquixx of ERBA diagnostics Mannheim GmbH Ltd.

Principle



Intensity of the red complex is directly proportional to the concentration of cholesterol which is measured at 505nm.

Reagents

Goods buffer (pH-6.4) 100mmol/L

Cholesterol Esterase	$\geq 200\text{U/L}$
Cholesterol Oxidase	$\geq 100\text{U/L}$
Peroxidase	$\geq 3000\text{ U/L}$
4- Aminoantipyrine	0.3 mmol/L
Phenol	5mmol/L

Standard (Cholesterol 200mg/dL)

Cholesterol	2g/L
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Procedure

To 1 mL of the reconstituted reagent, 10 μL of plasma is added and reading is taken after 5 mins of incubation at 37° C.

Reference Values

Cholesterol : 150-260 mg /dL

Estimation of Plasma Triglyceride

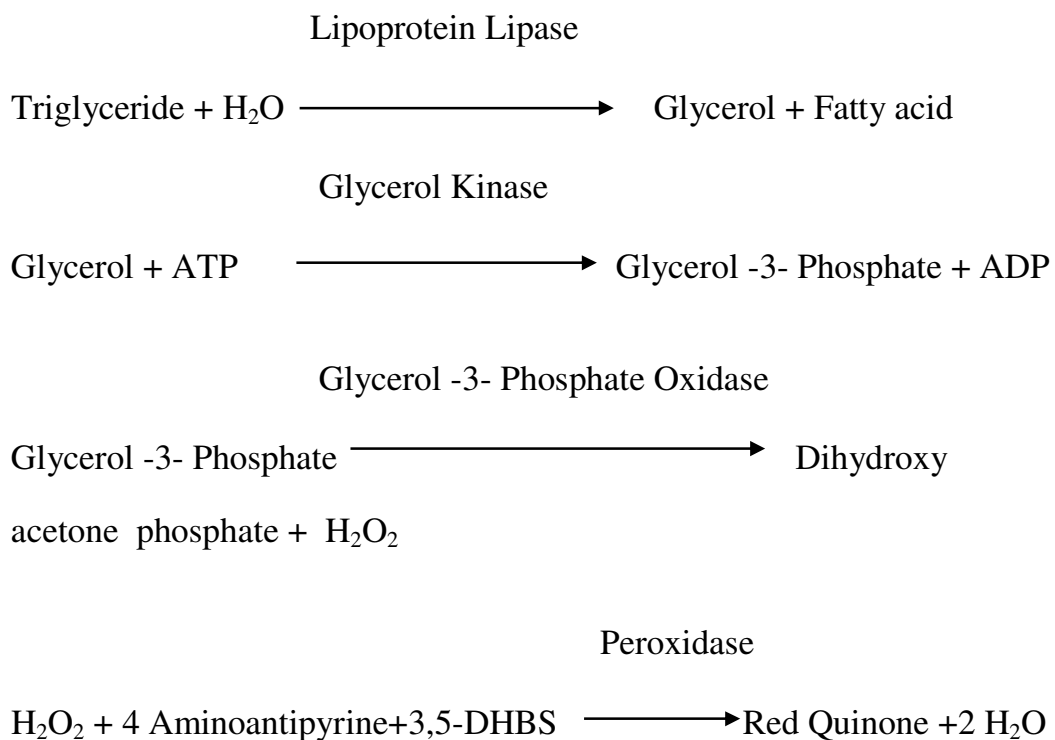
Method

Enzymatic Colorimetric method

Kit Used

Liquixx of ERBA diagnostics Manheim GmbH Ltd.

Principle



The intensity of purple coloured complex formed during the reaction is directly proportional to the triglyceride levels.

Reagents composition.

Pipes buffer (pH -7.0)	40mmol/L
Lipoprotein Lipase	4000U/L

Glycerol Kinase	1500U/L
Glycerol -3- Phosphate Oxidase	4000 U/L
Peroxidase	2200 U/L
4- Aminoantipyrine	0.4 mmol/L
ATP	2 mmol/L
Magnesium	2.5mmol/L
DHBS(3,5-Dichloro -2 hydroxy Benzene sulphonate)	0.2mmol/L

Standard (Triglycerides 200mg / dL)

Glycerol (Trig.Equivalent)	2g/L
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Procedure

To 1 mL of the reconstituted reagent 10 µL of plasma is added and read at 546nm after incubation at 37°C for 5mins.

Reference Range

Males	60- 165 mg/dL
Females	40- 140 mg/dL

Estimation of HDL Cholesterol

Method Modified polyvinyl sulphonic acid (PVS) and polyethylene –glycol-methyl ether (PEGME) coupled classic precipitation method.

Kit used Erba XL System Pack

Principle

LDL, VLDL and chylomicron (CM) react with PVS and PEGME and the reaction results in inaccessibility of LDL, VLDL and chylomicron (CM) by cholesterol oxidase (CHOD) and cholesterol esterase (CHER). The enzymes selectively react with HDL to produce hydrogen peroxide which, yields blue coloured complex upon oxidase condensation with TODB (N, N –Bis (4 sulphonyl)-3 methylaniline) and 4-aminoantipyrine (4-AA) in the presence of peroxidase (POD). The intensity of chromogen (Quinone) formed during the reaction directly is proportional to the HDL-C in the sample and is measured at 593nm.

PVS, PEGME

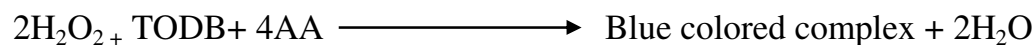
$$\text{HDL} + \text{LDL} + \text{VLDL} + \text{CM} \xrightarrow{\text{PVS/PEGME}} \text{HDL} + (\text{LDL} + \text{VLDL} + \text{CM}).$$

PVS/PEGME

CHOD & CHOD



Peroxidase



Reagents composition

Reagent 1

MES buffer pH 6.5 6.5mmol/L

TODB(N,N-Bis(4sulphonyl)-3methylaniline) 3mmol/L

polyvinyl sulphonic acid (PVS) 50mg/L

polyethylene –glycol-methyl ether (PEGME) 30ml/L

Magnesium chloride (MgCl₂) 2mmol

EDTA

Detergent

Reagent 2

MES buffer, pH – 6.5 50mmol/L

Cholesterol oxidase -20Ku/L

cholesterol esterase-5Ku/L

Peroxidase-5kU/L

4-Aminoantipyrine-0.9g/L

Detergent -0.5%

Calibrator

HDL-C 60mg/dL

Procedure

Reagent 1 & 2 are placed in the auto analyser with the following assay parameters:

Assay type	:	2 point
Primary wavelength nm	:	600,
Secondary wavelength nm	:	700
R-1 volume	:	270,
R-2 volume	:	70
Reaction direction	:	increasing,
Sample volume	:	3 µL
Calibration	:	straight

Reference Values

Adult male : 35.3 – 79.5 mg /dL

Adult female : 42.0 – 88.0 mg / dL

Estimation of LDL Cholesterol.

Method Modified polyvinyl sulphonic acid (PVS) and polyethylene – glycol-methyl ether (PEGME) coupled classic precipitation method.

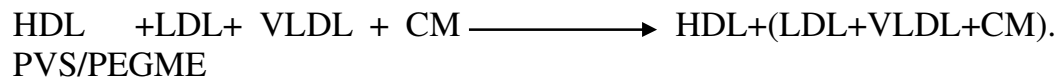
Kit used

Erba XL System Packs

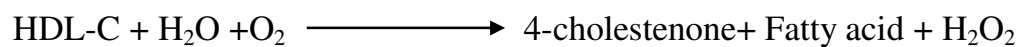
Principle

LDL, VLDL and chylomicron (CM) react with PVS and PEGME and the reaction results in inaccessibility of LDL, VLDL and chylomicron (CM) by cholesterol oxidase (CHOD) and cholesterol esterase (CHER), whereas HDL reacts with the enzymes. Addition of reagent 2 containing a specific detergent releases LDL from the PVS/PEGME complex. The released LDL reacts with the enzymes to produce hydrogen peroxide which, yields blue coloured complex upon oxidase condensation with TODB (N, N – Bis (4 sulphonyl)-3 methylaniline) and 4- aminoantipyrine (4-AA) in the presence of peroxidase (POD). The intensity of chromogen (Quinone) formed during the reaction directly is proportional to the HDL-C in the sample and is measured at 593nm.

PVS,PEGME

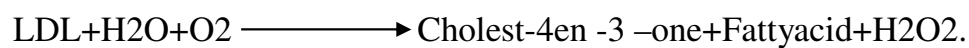


CHER& CHOD

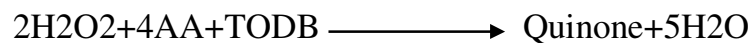


PVS/PEGME .

CHER& CHOD



Peroxidase



Reagents composition

Reagent 1

MES buffer pH 6.5 50mmol/L

polyvinyl sulphonic acid (PVS) 50mg/L

polyethylene –glycol-methyl ether (PEGME) 30ml/L

Magnesium chloride (MgCl₂) 2mmol

EDTA

Detergent

TODB (N,N-Bis(4-sulfobutyl)-3-methylaniline) 3mmol

Reagent 2

MES buffer pH 6.5 50mmol/L

EDTA

Detergent

TODB(N , N –Bis (4 sulphonyl)-3 methylaniline) 3mmol/L

Calibrator

LDL-C 107mg/dL

Procedure

Reagent 1 & 2 are placed in the auto analyser with the following assay

parameters:

Assay type	:	2 point
Primary wavelength nm	:	600,
Secondary wavelength nm	:	700
R-1 volume	:	210,
R-2 volume	:	70
Reaction direction	:	increasing,
Sample volume	:	3 µL

Calibration : straight

Expected values

Optimal <100mg/Dl

Near/above optimal - 100-129mg/dL

Boder line high - 130-159mg/dL

High -160-189mg/dL

Very high - ≥189mg/dL

VLDL Cholesterol

This parameter was calculated by using formula given below:

$$\text{VLDL-C} = \text{TGL}/5$$

Estimation of Plasma MMP-2 activity

MMP-2 activity in plasma was measured by ELISA

Principle

Heparinised plasma is used for measurement MMP-2 concentration by ELISA. The kit contains 96 – wells plate. Wells are coated with anti-human MMP-2 antibody . MMP-2 present in a sample is bound to the wells by immobilized antibody. Then biotinylated anti-human MMP-2

antibody is added. After washing away unbound biotinylated antibody , add HRP-conjugated streptavidin to the wells is added. The wells are again washed ,and TMB substrate solution is added and color develops in proportion to the amount of MMP-2 bound. The color changes from blue to yellow by the addition of stop solution and the intensity of the color is read at 450nm.

Reagents

1. MMP-2 Microplate coated with anti –human MMP-2.
2. Wash Buffer Concentrate.
3. Standards: Recombinant human MMP-2.
4. Assay Diluent: For Standard/Sample dilution.
5. Detection Antibody MMP-2: Biotinylated anti-human MMP-2.
6. HRP- Streptavidin Concentrate.
7. TMB One- Step Substrate Reagent.
8. Stop Solution.

Assay Procedure

Prepare all reagents samples, controls, and standards and bring them to room temperature before use.

1. Add 100 μ l standards ,samples and controls to each well. Incubate 2 hours at room temperature . Discard and wash.
2. Add 100 μ l prepared biotin antibody to each well. Incubate 1 hour at room temperature. Discard the solution and wash each well with wash buffer.
3. Add 100 μ l prepared HRP- Streptavidin solution. Incubate 45 minutes at room temperature. . Discard the solution and wash each well with wash buffer.
4. . Add 100 μ l TMB One-Step Substrate Reagent to each well. Incubate 30 minutes at room temperature.
5. Add 50 μ l Stop Solution to each well. Read at 450nm immediately.

CALCULATION

Calculate the mean absorbance for each set of standards, samples and controls and subtract the average zero standard optical density. Plot the standard curve on log-log graph paper with standard concentration on the x –axis and absorbance on the y-axis and draw the best-fit straight line through the standard points.

Statistical Analysis

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

1. Allele frequencies were calculated by allele counting.
2. Age , BMI, serum lipid levels were compared between control subjects and cases by students t test.
3. Genotype frequency distribution between cases and controls were compared with a χ^2 test .
4. MMP-2 activity was compared between control and cases by Student t test $p < 0.05$ was considered significant.
5. MMP-2 activity for both cases and controls was entered into a Microsoft Excel Spread Sheet. MMP-2 activity is compared between MMP-2 genotypes by using students t test.
6. Logistic regression analysis was performed to evaluate the interaction between human MMP-2 genotypes and other variables in relation to the prevalence of Myocardial Infarction. Independent variables included in the analysis were age (quantitative), sex (male/female),smoking(yes/no),Alcoholism(Yes/No), Hypertension (Yes/No), Diabetes (Yes/No), Serum Levels of Cholesterol , Triglycerides (Quantitative).

Results

MASTER CHART

Table-1: LIPID LEVELS, BMI AND GENOTYPE OF CASES

Sl No	AGE	SEX	Angio	DM	HYT	SMK	ALC	WT	HT	BMI	CHOL	TGL	HDL	LDL	MMP-2	MMP-2
1	48	M	SVD	NO	YES	YES	YES	66	1.57	26.78	159	194.7	26.8	92.3	747	CC
2	56	M	SVD	NO	NO	NO	YES	71	1.64	26.48	175.3	180.5	44.8	89.3	756	CC
3	49	F	SVD	NO	NO	NO	NO	63	1.57	25.68	175.7	175.6	44.7	90.4	816	CC
4	60	M	SVD	NO	YES	YES	YES	68	1.62	25.89	167.9	116.9	50.1	91.9	550	CT
5	53	M	SVD	YES	NO	NO	NO	59	1.52	25.77	196.7	194.5	24.4	90.4	534	CC
6	58	M	SVD	NO	NO	YES	NO	78	1.68	27.67	197.6	197.8	23.5	129.4	921	CC
7	57	M	SVD	NO	YES	YES	YES	58	1.64	21.67	174.7	96.8	59.4	130.5	782	CC
8	50	M	SVD	NO	NO	YES	YES	72	1.71	24.78	188.5	185.7	22.8	91.9	712	CC
9	55	F	TVD	YES	NO	NO	NO	74	1.57	29.98	214	195.7	40.4	124.6	823	CC
10	61	M	TVD	YES	YES	NO	NO	81	1.59	31.99	161.8	180.8	44.1	130.5	535	CT
11	47	M	SVD	NO	NO	YES	NO	58	1.64	21.57	158.8	184.8	40.3	77.5	861	CC
12	63	F	SVD	YES	NO	NO	NO	64	1.7	21.99	215.5	193.6	38.3	77.5	956	CC

13	55	M	SVD	YES	YES	YES	YES	71	1.62	26.87	210.2	198.9	31.9	134.5	400	TT
14	56	M	SVD	YES	YES	YES	YES	61	1.7	21.24	146.2	88.8	47	134.5	842	CC
15	58	M	SVD	NO	NO	NO	YES	56	1.61	21.78	207.7	182.5	43	84.9	922	CC
16	57	M	TVD	NO	NO	YES	NO	80	1.58	32.01	203.7	196.9	44.8	130.4	953	CC
17	48	M	DVD	NO	NO	YES	NO	62	1.69	21.78	160.5	188.4	44.7	130.4	717	CC
18	62	M	SVD	YES	YES	NO	NO	71	1.54	29.87	150.4	98.5	50.1	80.3	413	TT
19	54	F	SVD	NO	YES	NO	NO	57	1.64	21.24	176.9	98.4	24.4	80.2	545	CC
20	48	M	DVD	NO	NO	YES	NO	59	1.72	20.01	209.8	189.4	26.8	95.8	405	TT
21	49	M	DVD	YES	YES	YES	NO	79	1.71	27.02	168.1	106.5	59.4	130.5	782	CC
22	47	F	TVD	NO	NO	NO	NO	54	1.53	22.87	168.7	188.4	22.8	90.2	532	CT
23	59	F	SVD	YES	YES	NO	NO	83	1.64	30.88	174.6	196.9	40.4	90.1	832	CC
24	55	M	SVD	NO	NO	YES	YES	60	1.63	22.66	176.6	189.5	44.1	95.8	817	CC
25	54	M	DVD	NO	YES	NO	NO	62	1.61	23.98	179.7	87.3	40.3	100.5	523	CT
26	52	M	TVD	YES	NO	YES	YES	72	1.71	24.56	160.3	197.8	38.3	94.5	727	CC
27	60	M	DVD	NO	NO	YES	YES	69	1.67	24.78	206.3	80.6	31.9	90.2	754	CC
28	55	F	DVD	YES	YES	NO	NO	61	1.6	23.67	216.4	185.7	39.5	132.8	876	CC
29	52	M	TVD	YES	NO	YES	NO	69	1.71	23.68	172.2	90.2	36.8	129.5	417	CC
30	65	M	DVD	NO	YES	NO	NO	70	1.65	25.77	170.3	84.6	29.9	94.5	515	CT
31	56	M	TVD	NO	YES	YES	YES	75	1.58	29.99	175.3	196.4	38.5	92.4	789	CC

32	49	F	DVD	YES	NO	NO	NO	73	1.62	27.68	162.2	186.7	46.4	100.3	987	CC
33	57	M	SVD	NO	NO	NO	NO	58	1.6	22.79	199.4	193.5	57.4	82.8	403	TT
34	53	M	SVD	NO	NO	YES	YES	61	1.58	24.57	184.8	83.6	37.4	124.9	747	CC
35	57	M	TVD	NO	YES	NO	YES	84	1.71	28.67	201.4	188.4	52.6	106.3	859	CC
36	56	M	TVD	NO	NO	YES	YES	76	1.75	24.67	175.9	197.8	36.7	129.5	408	TT
37	61	M	DVD	YES	NO	NO	NO	64	1.64	23.68	201.9	84.8	35.4	95.7	822	CC
38	56	M	SVD	YES	YES	YES	NO	55	1.6	21.55	213.9	184.6	34.2	109.6	510	CT
39	48	M	TVD	NO	NO	YES	YES	77	1.62	29.46	206.8	179.6	63.7	134.7	867	CC
40	59	M	SVD	NO	YES	NO	NO	60	1.57	24.47	205.2	190.8	26.5	132.8	921	CC
41	61	M	DVD	NO	YES	YES	YES	60	1.66	21.79	152.5	195.9	27	137.4	942	CC
42	51	M	TVD	NO	NO	YES	YES	67	1.61	25.89	166.5	78.5	31.8	80.9	765	CC
43	50	M	SVD	YES	YES	NO	NO	69	1.64	25.66	200.6	189.7	24.6	94.5	516	CC
44	55	M	DVD	NO	YES	YES	YES	71	1.63	26.89	178.8	130.6	51.9	120.3	511	CT
45	57	M	SVD	NO	NO	YES	YES	67	1.67	23.99	156.1	188.9	31.1	102.4	678	CC
46	49	M	SVD	NO	NO	YES	YES	68	1.59	26.79	211.2	96.8	49.2	82.8	987	CC
47	54	M	SVD	NO	NO	NO	NO	62	1.55	25.87	183.6	135.8	34.6	142.1	504	CC
48	60	F	SVD	NO	YES	NO	NO	60	1.56	24.57	249.4	188.3	49.9	116.3	765	CC
49	53	M	SVD	NO	YES	YES	YES	76	1.6	29.68	169.3	184.6	37.9	153.8	400	TT
50	59	M	SVD	YES	NO	YES	YES	66	1.67	23.55	194.6	184.7	25.6	105.7	529	CT

51	50	M	SVD	YES	NO	YES	NO	73	1.72	24.57	194.6	186.9	54.7	106.9	876	CC
52	57	M	DVD	YES	NO	YES	YES	57	1.63	21.46	209.6	195.4	22.7	134.7	854	CC
53	52	M	SVD	NO	NO	YES	NO	68	1.65	24.88	211.2	193.7	46.3	115.8	652	CC
54	54	M	SVD	NO	YES	YES	YES	74	1.67	26.43	169.3	74.7	31.8	100.3	712	CC
55	49	M	DVD	NO	NO	NO	NO	63	1.63	23.54	208.1	185.7	52.7	98.5	759	CC
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95	49	M	SVD	YES	NO	YES	YES	62	1.65	22.65	167.1	96.3	42.1	92.4	874	CC
96	62	F	SVD	YES	NO	NO	NO	82	1.66	29.72	160.5	190.5	36.9	90.5	671	CC
97	55	M	TVD	NO	YES	NO	NO	69	1.64	25.83	169.7	199.2	32.8	88.6	715	CC
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100	51	M	SVD	NO	NO	NO	NO	82	1.66	29.83	192.2	175.4	37.2	123.4	921	CC

S.NO	Age (yrs)	Sex	Angio Finding	DM	HYT	SMK	ALC	WT(kg)	HT(m)	BMI (kg/m)	CHOL (mg/dL)	TGL (mg/dL)	HDL (mg/dL)	LDL (mg/dL)	MMP2 Activity(ng/ml)	MMP2 Genotype
1	54	M	NA	NO	YES	NO	NO	64	1.62	24.46	126.78	102.4	45.3	57.2	550	CC
2	52	M	NA	NO	NO	YES	NO	62	1.68	21.89	176.12	144.6	29.6	50.8	432	CT
3	51	M	NA	YES	NO	YES	NO	66	1.63	24.8	171.28	133.4	46.9	56.9	515	CC
4	49	F	NA	NO	YES	NO	NO	70	1.72	23.68	172.72	153.6	43.8	52.3	367	CC
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6	60	M	NA	NO	NO	YES	YES	64	1.72	21.57	173.96	157.8	47.5	54.5	534	CC
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8	54	M	NA	YES	NO	NO	YES	63	1.67	22.46	134.86	156.8	29.5	109.5	421	CT
9	49	M	NA	NO	YES	YES	YES	69	1.63	25.86	158.52	152.6	58.4	45.7	649	CC
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96	54	M	NA	YES	NO	NO	NO	60	1.62	22.76	142.44	114.7	34.6	118.6	500	CT
97	58	M	NA	NO	YES	NO	NO	71	1.73	23.67	135.02	149.7	53.1	95.9	543	CC
98	57	M	NA	NO	NO	YES	NO	69	1.66	24.98	126.52	142.6	56.8	105	526	CC
99	59	F	NA	YES	NO	NO	NO	74	1.66	26.78	137	150.5	64.3	109	523	CC
100	54	F	NA	YES	NO	NO	NO	76	1.65	27.87	139	150.4	44.6	74	402	TT

**TABLE 3: CHARACTERISTICS OF PATIENTS WITH MI AND OF
CONTROL SUBJECTS**

Variables	Case	Control	P value
Age	55.0±8.8	55.0±7.6	0.273 –NS
Sex Male	85(85%)	85 (85%)	0.495 –NS
Female	15 (15%)	15 (15%)	0.495-NS
DM	34 (34%)	44(44%)	0.094–NS
HT	45(45%)	35 (35%)	0.149 –NS
SMK	54(54%)	48(48%)	0.991 -NS
ALC	46(46%)	42(42%)	0.565-NS
BMI	25.69±0.57	24.91±5.80	0.638-NS
CHOLESTEROL	184.73±5.05	158.47±4.25	0.001-S
TRIGLYCERIDES	162.01±8.40	128.45±5.04	0.001-S
HIGH DENSITY LIPOPROTEIN	39.21±1.90	45.98±1.84	0.004-S
LOW DENSITY LIPOPROTEIN	108.25±4.77	83.29±4.97	0.001-S

Fig 17,GENOTYPE DISTRIBUTION OF MMP-2 GENE

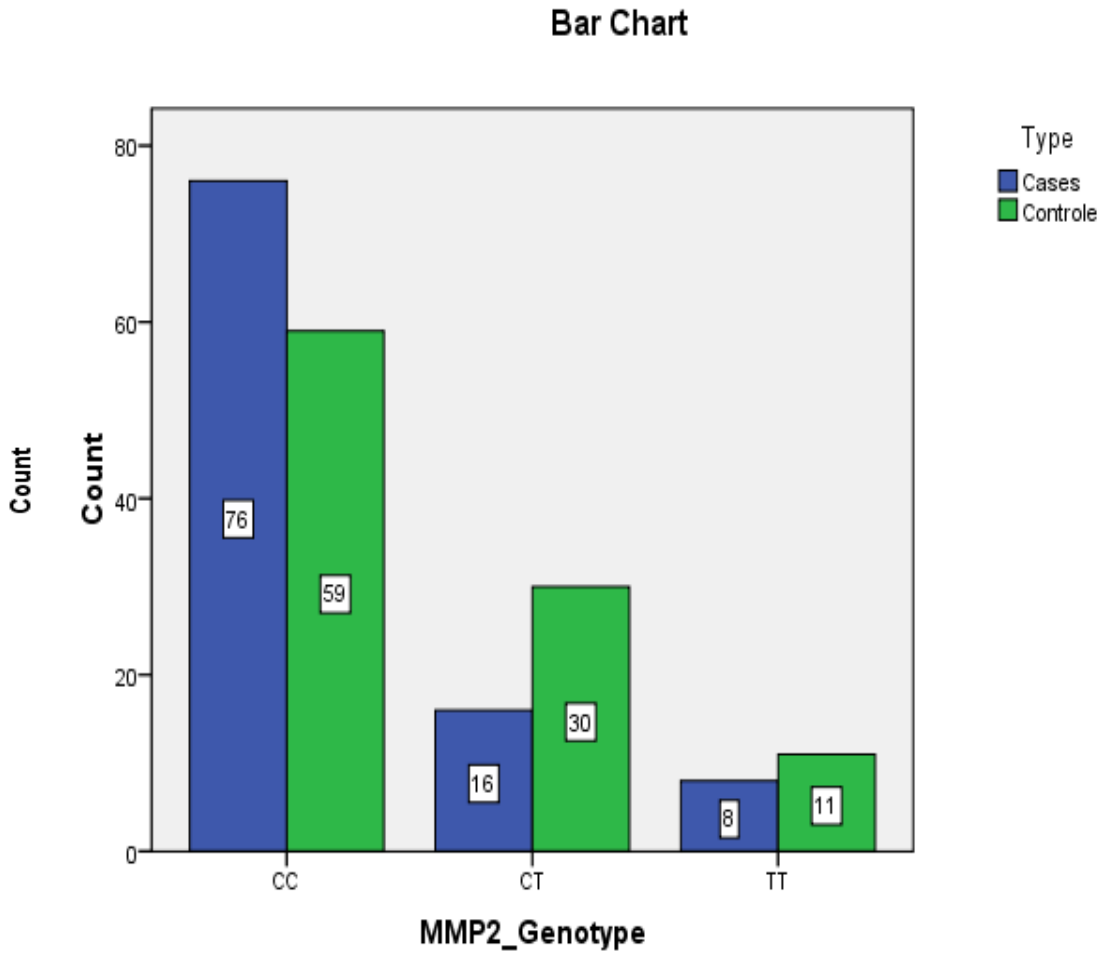


Table 4, GENOTYPE DISTRIBUTION OF MMP-2 GENE

			Type		Total	P Value
			Cases	control		
MMP2_Genotype	CC	Count	76	59	135	Chi - sq. = 6.87 P = 0.032
		% within MMP2_Ge notype	56.3%	43.7%	100.0%	
	CT	Count	16	30	46	
		% within MMP2_Ge notype	34.8%	65.2%	100.0%	
	TT	Count	8	11	19	
		% within MMP2_Ge notype	42.1%	57.9%	100.0%	
Total		Count	100	100	200	
		% within MMP2_Ge notype	50.0%	50.0%	100.0%	

**TABLE 5: COMPARISON OF MMP-2 ACTIVITY AMONG CASES
AND CONTROLS**

Variable	Case	Control	P value
ACTIVITY (ng/mL)	698.02 \pm 178.05	481.35 \pm 90.45	0.001 –S

Fig 18 ,COMPARISON OF MMP-2 ACTIVITY AMONG CASES AND CONTROLS

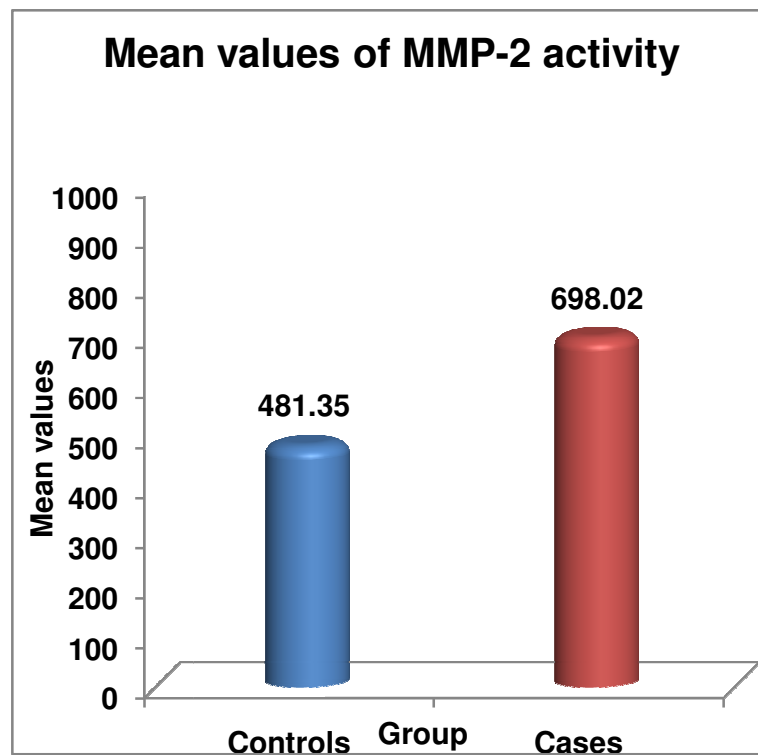


TABLE 6: RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MMP-2 ACTIVITY AND GENOTYPE

Genotype	MMP-2 Activity(ng/ml)	P Value
CC	655±174	.0001-S
CT	472±78	.0001-S
TT	402±42	.0001-S

Fig 19, RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MMP-2 ACTIVITY AND GENOTYPE

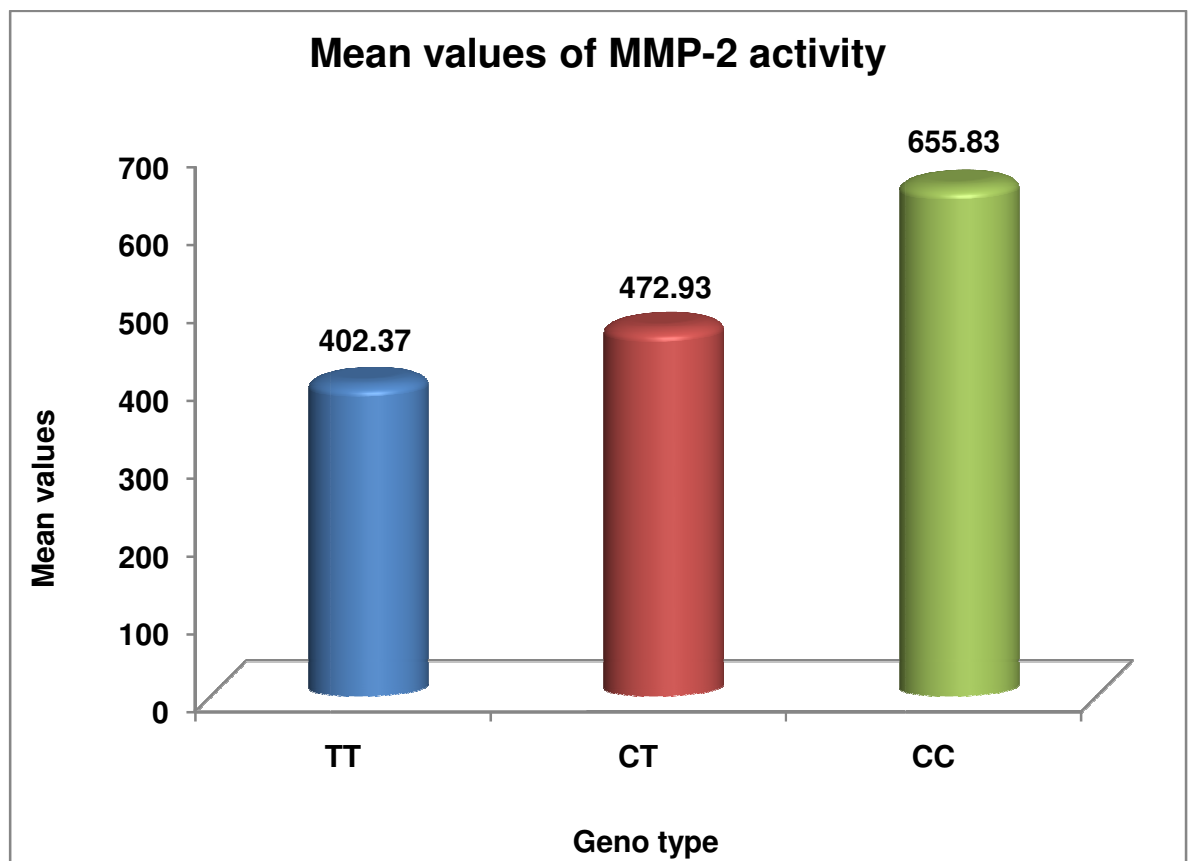


TABLE-7: MULTIPLE LOGISTIC REGRESSION ANALYSIS

Variables	B	S.E	WALD	df	sig	Exp(B))	UPPER 95%	LOWER
AGE	.081	.074	1.204	1	.273	1.084	.938	1.252
SEX	-.848	1.242	.466	1	.495	.428	.038	4.884
SMOKING	-.009	.776	.000	1	.991	.991	.217	4.538
ALCOHOLISM	-.402	.699	.331	1	.565	.669	.170	2.634
DIABETES	-1.246	.745	2.796	1	.094	.288	.067	1.239
BMI	.823	1.748	.222	1	.638	2.277	.074	70.002
TOTALCHOLESTEROL	.059	.017	11.948	1	.001	1.061	1.026	1.097
TRIGLYCERIDES	.041	.010	15.047	1	.000	1.041	1.020	1.063
HDL	-.105	.037	8.164	1	.004	.900	.838	.968

LDL	.062	.017	12.589	1	.000	1.064	1.028	1.101
MMP-2 ACTIVIT Y	.015	.003	21.993	1	.000	1.015	1.009	1.022
MMP-2 POLYMORPHIS M CC	-.782	1.006	.604	1	.007	1.958	0.664	3.289
MMP-2 POLYMORPHIS M CT	-.640	.986	.421	1	.009	1.527	0.576	3.543
INTERCEPT	-.625	92.567	.132	1	.716			

a. The reference category is: Control

RESULTS

- Table 3 shows Age , Sex , BMI , High Density Lipoprotein levels and conventional risk factor distribution among cases and control subjects. We obtained a nonsignificant p value with respect to all the confounding variables like age, sex, BMI, history of diabetes, hypertension, smoking, alcoholism. There was a significant difference in Total cholesterol level (high in cases 184.73 ± 5.05), low in controls 158.47 ± 4.25), Triglycerides level (high in cases 162.01 ± 8.40), low in controls 128.45 ± 5.04), High Density Lipoprotein level (low in cases 39.21 ± 1.90), high in controls 45.98 ± 1.84), Low Density Lipoprotein level (high in cases 108.25 ± 4.77), low in controls (83.29 ± 4.97).
- Table 4 shows Genotype distribution of human matrix metalloproteinase-2 gene in patients with MI and control subjects.
- Table 4 shows CC genotype was more frequent among cases (76%) when compared to controls (59%) . In contrast TT was more common among controls (11%) when compared to cases (8%). Distribution of CT genotype also between cases (16%) and controls (30%). P value is 0.032. The Allele frequencies were CC=135, CT=46, TT=19. This was found to be in Hardy Weinberg equilibrium.
- Table 5 shows the comparison of Matrix Metalloproteinase-2 activity among cases and controls. Significantly high MMP-2 activity

could be observed among cases (698 ± 178) when compared to controls. (481 ± 90). Pvalue <0.001 .

- Table 6 shows the difference in MMP-2 activity between CC,CT genotype and TT genotype. The activity was significantly higher among CC genotype individuals (655 ± 174) when compared to CT(472 ± 78) and TT (402 ± 42) genotype individuals . Pvalue <0.001 .
- Table 7 shows, Multiple logistic regression analysis. After correction of all confounding variables CC genotype remains significant between cases and controls.

Discussion

DISCUSSION

Genetic factors and various environmental factors are involved in a combination with development of MI. The susceptibility to MI is a complex trait¹⁶². This study was conducted to determine the association of MMP-2 polymorphism and its related MMP-2 activity with Myocardial Infarction. The three human MMP-2 genotypes and phenotypes were determined in 100 patients with MI confirmed by angiography and 100 control subjects.

The insignificant p value with respect to all the confounding variables like age, sex, BMI, history of diabetes, hypertension, smoking, alcoholism, showed that the cases and controls groups had been perfectly matched. The plasma MMP-2 levels are increased in cases when compared to controls. The significantly high MMP-2 levels in cases (698 ± 178), controls (481 ± 90) $P(<0.001)$ re-emphasizes the fact that causes atherogenesis and plaque rupture.

When genotype analysis was performed, distribution of CC genotype was significantly higher among cases (76%) when compared to controls (59%). Pvalue was 0.032 showing that is significant. This indicates that CC genotype is an independent risk factor for atherosclerotic plaque rupture. The evidence available showed that there is a significantly high MMP-2 activity among cases (698 ± 178) when compared to controls (481 ± 90). P value was less than 0.001. This

shows that high MMP-2 activity is an independent risk factor for atherosclerosis.

When MMP-2 activity compared between MMP-2 genotypes there was a significantly high MMP-2 activity among CC genotypic individuals (655 ± 174).and CT genotypic individuals (472 ± 78), when compared to TT genotypic individuals (402 ± 42). P value was (<0.001), suggesting the fact that CC genotype is associated with high activity and this high activity makes a person more susceptible to atherosclerosis. Hence CC genotype and the resultant high MMP-2 activity can be considered as an independent risk factor for atherosclerotic plaque rupture.

On multiple logistic regression analysis, CC genotype will increase the susceptibility of atherosclerosis. The odds ratio on multiple logistic regression analysis was 1.95 i.e., a person with CC genotype is 1.95 times at a risk for atherosclerosis after all the confounding variables are matched

Conclusion

CONCLUSION

- The high plasma MMP-2 activity and the CC genotype may be independent risk factors for Myocardial Infarction.
- MMP-2 activity can be used as a parameter for assessing Myocardial Infarction risk .
- MMP-2 activity can also be used to assess the outcome of atherosclerotic plaque rupture.

Future Prospects of the Study

SCOPE FOR FURTHER STUDY

- Research aimed at identifying the strategies to inhibit Matrix Metallo Proteinase-2 activity can be supported.
- Other Matrix Metallo Proteinase-2 gene polymorphisms may be explored to highlight their association with Matrix MetalloProteinase-2 activity and atherosclerosis and plaque rupture.
- Various transcriptional factors modulating the Matrix Metallo Proteinase-2 gene expression can be studied.
- MMP-2 inhibitors and TIMP-2 therapy can be tried in all those who have higher MMP-2 gene expression. But since atherosclerosis is a multifactorial disease, it does not look promising.

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ANNEXURES

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CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

To
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Dear Dr. B. Sudhapresanna

The Institutional Ethics Committee of Madras Medical College reviewed and discussed your application for approval of the proposal entitled "Association of matrix metalloproteinase -2 gene promoter polymorphism with myocardial infarction" No. 02072011.

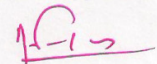
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We approve the proposal to be conducted in its presented form

Sd / . Chairman & Other Members

The Institutional Ethics Committee expects to be informed about the progress of the study, any SAE occurring in the course of the study, any changes in the protocol and patient information / informed consent and asks to be provided a copy of the final report


Member Secretary, Ethics Committee

PATIENT CONSENT FORM

Title of the study : **“ASSOCIATION OF MATRIX METALLOPROTEINASE-2 GENE PROMOTER POLYMORPHISM WITH MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION.”**

Name : Date :

Age : OP No :

Sex : Project Patient No :

The details of the study have been provided to me in writing and explained to me in my own language.

I confirm that I have understood the above study and had the opportunity to ask questions.

I understand that my participation in the study is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw at any time, without giving any reason, without the medical care that will normally be provided by the hospital being affected.

I agree not to restrict the use of any data or results that arise from this study provided such a use is only for scientific purpose(s).

I have been given an information sheet giving details of the study.

I fully consent to participate in the above study.

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Presenting complaints:

Duration:

Past history:

Chest pain

Hypertension

Diabetes

Personal History:

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Examination :

Vital data :

Heart Rate :

Blood pressure (mean) :

Height :

Weight :

Systemic examination :

CVS

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